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FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles H. Stitt, President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the Evening of the first day of the Session, from Isaiah 62 : 1. "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From the Particular Synod of New York.

1. *From the Classis of Arcot.—Minister*—E. C. Scudder.

2. *From the Classis of Hudson.—Ministers*—A. J. Sebring, F. N. Zabriskie, D.D., David A. Jones. *Elders*—W. H. Philip, Stephen Rossman.[2]

3. *From the Classis of Kingston.—Ministers*—Richard DeWitt, Philip Peltz, D.D., Augustus Blauvelt.[2] *Elders*—Elting Deyo, Abraham M. Van Wagenen.[1]

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1. Obtained leave of absence on the sixth day of the Session.
2. " " " ninth "

4. *From the North Classis of Long Island.—Ministers*—John B. Alliger, Alex McKelvey,[9] J. Halsted Carroll, D.D.[9] *Elders*—Abraham Debevoise, Wm. B. Ostrom.

5. *From the South Classis of Long Island.—Ministers*—David S. Sutphen, S. F. Farmer, C. R. Blauvelt. *Elders*—Charles Lott, F. J. Hosford, Theodore L. Mason.

6. *From the Classis of New York.—Ministers*—Hervey D. Ganse,[8] Isaac Riley, Isaac Ferris, D.D.* *Elders*—James Anderson, Frederick Hughson, H. P. Allen.

7. *From the South Classis of New York.—Ministers*—Thomas G. Watson, J. L. Danner, M. S. Hutton, D.D.[9] *Elders*—Edward C. Cook,[7] Richard H. Bull, John R. Smith.

8. *From the Classis of Orange.—Ministers*—Abraham B. Van Zandt, D.D.,[6] M. V. Schoonmaker, E. W. Bentley. *Elder*—D. W. Rapalje.

9. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Ministers*—A. N. Wyckoff,[6] Henry Ward, [1]Francis M. Kip, D.D. *Elders*—Sydney Scofield,[4] Walter Brett,[8] [2]J. B. Jones.

10. *From the Classis of Westchester.—Ministers*—John K. Allen, John A. Todd, D.D.,[9] William Brush.† *Elders*—Sanford Cobb, D. S. Rowe.

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.—Ministers*—Alexander C. Millspaugh,[8] William H. Ballagh.[8] *Elders*—Robert H. Pruyn, Jurian Winne,[3] James Taylor.

2. *From the Classis of Cayuga.—Ministers*—Ashbel G. Vermilye, D.D., William A. Wurts.[9] *Elder*—G. C. Churchill.[7]

3. *From the Classis of Geneva.—Ministers*—J. W. Warnshuis,[9] Minor Swick, P. B. Bahler.

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* Succeeded by Rev. G. H. Mandeville on the sixth day of the Session.
† " Rev. David Cole " " "
1. Took his seat on the third day of the Session.
2. " sixth "
3. Obtained leave of absence on the third day of the Session.
4. " " fourth "
5. " " sixth "
6. " " seventh "
7. " " eighth "
8. " " ninth "
9. " " tenth "

4. *From the Classis of Greene.—Ministers*—Wm. G. E. See,[5] Francis A. Horton,[5] [1]A. F. Munn.[5] *Elders*—G. W. Lindsey,[5] John A. Green, Obadiah Lampman.[4]

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.—Ministers*—A. J. Hageman, R. M. Stanbrough, [1]James M. Compton.[4] *Elders*—L. H. Van Deusen, P. P. Snell, G. Timmerman.[5]

6. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.—Ministers*—E. N. Sebring,[5] Wm. Anderson,[3] C. S. Mead.[5] *Elder*—W. H. Hoes.

7. *From the Classis of Saratoga.—Ministers*—Philip Furbeck,[4] A. S. Hoyt,[4] O. H. Gregory, D.D.[3] *Elder*—Daniel Hilt.

8. *From the Classis of Schenectady.—Ministers*—John Minor, John A. De Baun,[4] Denis Wortman.[4] *Elders*—A. Putnam,[5] Matthew Winne,[4] Nicholas Cain.

9. *From the Classis of Schoharie.—Ministers*—[1]Edward Miller. *Elder*—[1]John Bassler.[5]

10. *From the Classis of Ulster.—Ministers*—J. W. Hammond,[3] J. C. F. Hoes, D.D., D. N. Vanderveer. *Elders*—D. F. Davis,[2] Tunis P. Osterhoudt, James Kiersted.

From the Particular Synod of Chicago.

1. *From the Classis of Michigan.—Ministers*—A. H. Van Vranken, A. T. Stewart, Isaac Collier. *Elder*—L. O. Hammond.[5]

2. *From the Classis of Illinois.—Ministers*—U. D. Gulick, E. P. Livingston, P. DePree.[5] *Elder*—A. Hageman.

3. *From the Classis of Holland.—Ministers*—R. Pieters,[5] D. Broeck.[5]

4. *From the Classis of Wisconsin.—Minister*—J. H. Karsten.

5. *From the Classis of Grand River.—Minister*—A. Kriekaard.[5] *Elder*—F. Van Driel.

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1. Took his seat on the third day of the Session.
2. Obtained leave of absence on the sixth day of the Session.
3. " " eighth "
4. " " ninth "
5. " " tenth "

From the Particular Synod of N. Brunswick.

1. *From the Classis of Bergen.—Ministers*—Geo. H. Fisher, D.D.[6] P. V. Van Buskirk, [1]James H. Ballagh. *Elders*—Jacob Van Ostrand,[5] William Williams, James Gardner.[4]

2. *From the South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers*—B. C. Taylor, D.D., T. W. Wells, Isaac P. Brokaw. *Elders*—Garret Vreeland, Wm. H. Kirk, George Klein.*

3. *From the Classis of Monmouth.—Minister*—A. A. Zabriskie. *Elder*—John E. Kuhns.[3]

4. *From the Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers*—C. D. Hartranft, Wm. H. Campbell, D.D.,[4] E. T. Corwin. *Elders*—John S. Hoagland,[6] Wm. R. Janeway, J. De Forest.†

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.—Ministers*—Abm. H. Meyers, F. H. Vanderveer, D.D., [2]William Demarest. *Elders*—Edo Kipp, Isaac M. Dederer,[5] Morris Hoyt.[4]

6. *From the Classis of Passaic.—Ministers*—James Demarest, C. B. Durand,[5] [1]Jno. N. Jansen.

7. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers*—P. Stryker Talmage, Wm. H. DeHart, James L. Amerman. *Elders*—Tomlinson Staats, H. S. Krusen.

8. *From the Classis of Raritan.—Ministers*—Wm. B. Van Benschoten, Wm. Bailey, Jas. A. H. Cornell, D.D. *Elders*—Rynier H. Veghte, John A. Schenck, John. D. Ten Eyck.[4]

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye was elected *President;* Rev. E. W. Bentley, *Adsessor;* and Rev. Theodore W. Wells and Rev. James L. Amerman, *Clerks, pro. tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last ordinary Session of the Synod were read.

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* Succeeded by James A. Williamson on the fourth day of the Session.
† " J. V. D. Hoagland " third "
1. Took his seat on the sixth day of the Session.
2. " ninth "
3. Obtained leave of absence on the fourth day of the Session.
4. " " seventh "
5. " " ninth "
6. " " tenth "

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On the Professorate.—Rev. Philip Peltz, Isaac Ferris,* A. C. Millspaugh. *Elders*—John R. Smith, Walter Brett.

On Overtures.—Rev. Geo. H. Fisher, E. T. Corwin, E. C. Scudder. *Elders*—W. R. Janeway, Stephen Rossman.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. A. H. Van Vranken, R. De Witt, C. R. Blauvelt. *Elders*—Abm. Debevoise, D. W. Rapelye.

On Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund.—Rev. Denis Wortman, J. C. F. Hoes, Minor Swick. *Elders.*—Isaac M. Dederer, Rynier H. Veghte.

On Foreign Missions.—Rev. C. D. Hartranft, D. N. Vanderveer, A. Blauvelt. *Elders*—James Anderson, Edo Kipp.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. F. N. Zabriskie, Isaac Riley, J. K. Allen. *Elders*—Matthew Winne, L. H. Van Dusen.

On Education.—Rev. A. T. Stewart, P. S. Talmage, R. M. Stanbrough. *Elders*—J. S. Hoagland, Garret Vreeland.

On Judicial Business.—Rev. J. B. Alliger, John A. DeBaun, R. Pieters. *Elders*—Robert H. Pruyn, John A. Green.

On the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds.—Rev. A. McKelvey, A. H. Meyers, A. J. Sebring. *Elders*—Charles Lott, Edward C. Cook.

On Publication.—Rev. J. H. Carroll, W. Wurts, H. Ward. *Elders*—H. P. Allen, J. Winne.

*Succeeded by Rev. F. M. Kip, on the 6th day of the Session.

On Nominations.—Rev. John Minor, T. G. Watson, P. Furbeck. *Elders*—Elting Deyo, W. B. Ostrom.

On Correspondence.—Rev. John A. Todd, A. B. Van Zandt, U. D. Gulick. *Elders*—W. H. Philip, A. M. Van Wagenen.

On Accounts.—Rev. Wm. Anderson, A. J. Hageman, D. Broeck. *Elders*—R. H. Bull, G. W. Lindsey.

On Leave of Absence.—Rev. M. V. Schoonmaker, J. H. Karsten, Jas. L. Amerman. *Elders*—Tunis P. Osterhoudt, Jno. A. Schenck.

On the Board of Direction.—*Elders*—Sanford Cobb, W. H. Kirk, F. J. Hosford, F. Hughson, James Taylor.

It was *Resolved* that the title of the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions be altered to read. "Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund."

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following Report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and was referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., met in Peter Hertzog Hall, on Tuesday, May 17, 1870, at 12 o'clock, M., and adjourned on Wednesday evening.

In the temporary absence of the President, the Rev. A. C. Millspaugh was called to the chair, and the meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. John McC. Holmes. The Rev. A. C. Millspaugh was elected President, and the Rev. Philip Furbeck, Clerk *pro tem.*

The following members of the Board were present:

Rev. A. C. Millspaugh,	Rev. B. C. Lippincott,
W. V. V. Mabon,	N. Conklin,
F. A. Horton,	J. Gardner,
John McC. Holmes,	O. E. Cobb,
Augustus Blauvelt,	P. M. Doolittle,
W. H. Ten Eyck,	Wm. Anderson,
J. H. Manning,	Philip Furbeck,

R. M. Stanbrough,	Jacob N. Voorhees,
C. D. Hartranft,	David Cole,
S. W. Mills,	M. S. Hutton.

The following Classes were not represented in the Board, viz:

Arcot, South Bergen, Cayuga, Geneva, Holland, Illinois, Michigan, Monmouth, New York, Schenectady, Schoharie, Wisconsin.

The seats of the following members become vacant by the expiration of the term for which they were appointed, viz:

Rev. Joseph Scudder from the Classis of	Arcot,
W. V. V. Mabon,	Bergen,
T. C. Strong,	Geneva,
John McC. Holmes,	Hudson,
Garret C. Schanck,	Monmouth,
S. W. Mills,	Orange,
Philip Furbeck,	Saratoga,
W. W. Letson,	Schoharie,
David Cole,	Westchester,
J. Vandermeulen,	Wisconsin.

The Classes of Michigan and Schenectady are without representation in the Board. The resignation of the Rev. N. Conklin, of the Classis of Passaic, has been accepted by the Board. These three vacancies are to be filled for two years; all the others for the full term.

From the Report of the Professors it appears that the following Students have been members of the several Classes of the Seminary.

Senior Class.

James B. Campbell,	Elias Mead,
John B. Church,	C. F. C. Suckow.
Peter E. Kipp,	

Middle Class.

P. G. M. Bahler,	William E. Davis,
Vernon B. Carroll,	Matthew N. Oliver.

Junior Class.

Edward Cornet,	William J. Hill,
Robert Doig,	Edward Lodewick,
Wm. Elliott Griffis,	Ferdinand S. Schenck.
John Hart,	

Mr. Teunis G. Bergen, of last year's Middle Class, and Peter L. Vanderveer, of the Junior Class, are said to be in Germany pursuing their studies.

Mr. Wm. H. Van Doren has been engaged in the service of the American Tract Society, and it is expected that he will return in the autumn to complete his studies.

Mr. T. S. Hamlin, of the Middle Class, has been dismissed to the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and Mr. Louis B. Voorhees, of the same class, to the Andover Theological Seminary.

Mr. Edward Cornet was on the 1st of March admitted by the Faculty to the exercises of the Junior Class. He has, as his testimonials show, pursued literary, and, to some extent, theological studies, in various schools in Europe. His knowledge of the English language is imperfect. His purpose is to minister in the French language to his countrymen in the United States. The Professors recommended favorable action in his case.

The Board adopted the following:

Resolved, That Mr. Cornet be allowed to pursue the Theological course, provided that he spend the summer vacation in the diligent study of the English language, which the Committee deem indispensable to his success as a student of the Seminary.

Mr. F. S. Schenck was prevented by severe illness from attending with his class during the greater part of the second term. The Professors speak in high terms of his progress and fidelity, and the Board admitted him to an examination with his class, which he sustained with credit to himself.

The Faculty also report that Mr. William J. Hill, having finished his sophomore year in Rutgers College, was, at his request, allowed to attend the exercises of the Junior Class. That he has been diligent in his studies, and wishes to be recommended to the General Synod for a dispensation to go on with the class as a member of the Institution. He was examined with the class, and his examination was sustained, and it was

Resolved, That the question of his full admission into the Seminary be referred to General Synod.

The usual examinations of the several Classes in the Seminary were conducted by the Professors in the presence of the Board.

The Seniors were examined on personal piety, and their views in entering the ministry, and gave specimens of their method of sermonizing and manner of preaching.

The Middle Class presented sermons for the inspection of the Board.

The Students were questioned in relation to their observance of the rule in regard to students preaching, and their answers were satisfactory.

It was *Resolved*, That the several examinations be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Professors for the usual Professorial Certificate.

The Annual Address to the students was delivered on Wednesday evening, by the Rev. Denis Wortman.

The following paper was adopted by the Board:

Whereas, Next to the philosophical and exegetical attacks upon the Word of God, the scientific are the most formidable, and the most attractive to the minds of the people, and

Whereas, The minister of the Word should be fully equipped to meet its enemies on their own ground, and

Whereas, It needs a regular scientific training, combined with theological study to meet these attacks dogmatically and successfully, and

Whereas, The Pastor is responsible for the public worship, of which *Praise* is a fundamental part, and he therefore should be qualfied to decide upon the musical expression of the Praise, and

Whereas, There are so many difficulties connected with the management of this part of the public worship, and the ideas concerning the definite nature of ecclesiastical music are so vague in this country, and at best can lay but little claim to art; therefore

Resolved, That we recommend to the General Synod the establishment, under proper restrictions, of two Lectureships; one to treat of the connection of Science and Revelation, and the second to treat of the theory, practice, and history of Ecclesiastical Music.

The General Synod's Committee on Peter Hertzog Hall presented their annual report to the Board, which presents a very gratifying exhibit, and it is transmitted with pleasure to the General Synod, with the accompanying resolutions:

Resolved, That the changes made in the Theological Hall, both in regard to the repairs upon the building and the internal regulations, meet with the entire and unqualified approval of this Board.

Resolved, That the Board recommend the General Synod to authorize the Standing Committee to co-operate with the city authori-

ties or land owners in the neighborhood in the proposed extension of George street northward beyond the Seminary grounds.

Resolved, That the General Synod be requested to grant the use of a site for the erection of a fire-proof building, as mentioned in said report.

Resolved, That this Board recommend on the part of General Synod, some suitable expression of its grateful acknowledgment to James Suydam and Gardner A. Sage for the valuable and munificent gift of a fourth professorial residence.

Resolved, That the General Synod be recommended to continue the present members of the Standing Committee on the Theological Hall for three years, with the view of carrying out the improvements already begun, as indicated in their report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. TEN EYCK, *Chairman.*

A true copy.

P. D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk.*

A communication was received from Professors Beck and Scott, of Hope College, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Professor Crispell, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Classis of New Brunswick on the subject of preaching the Heidelberg Catechism, which was referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

An application for a dispensation in behalf of Peter B. Crolius, was received from the South Classis of Long Island, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An application for a dispensation in behalf of Lewis Lampman, was received from the Classis of Greene, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An application for a dispensation was received from Alfred E. Myers, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication was received from the Classis of New Brunswick, in regard to income of Synod and expenditures, which was referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

A circular on Sabbath observance was received from the Congre-

gational Conference of Ohio, and referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

An invitation was received from the Consistory of the Reformed Church in Chicago, under care of Rev. James Demarest, Jr., for the General Synod to hold its next annual session to their church.

An invitation from the Young Men's Christian Association of Newark, to visit their rooms, and attend their prayer meetings, was received and accepted with the thanks of the Synod.

A communication was received from the American Christian Society for promoting Christianity among the Jews, and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

An overture in regard to the dissolution of the Pastoral connection was received from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication was received from Rev. Elbert S. Porter, Chairman of the Committee on the Liturgy, and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. David Cole, James A. H. Cornell and Elder Theodore L. Mason.

An invitation was received from the Consistory of the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, of Newark, to attend at the laying of the corner stone of their proposed church edifice, on Tuesday, June 7th, at 5 P. M., which was accepted.

An invitation was received from the Consistory of the East Reformed Church, of Newark, to attend at the laying of the corner stone of their proposed church edifice, on Wednesday, June 8th, at 5 P. M., which was accepted.

Communications were received from Rev. A. R. Van Nest and Mr. Ten Eyck Sutphen, executors of the will of Mrs. Mary Bethune, informing the Synod of the bequest of a large number of volumes and pamphlets to the Synod for the library of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

An invitation from the North Church to meet sociably in the upper room of the chapel, on the evening of the 9th day of the session, was received and accepted.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The following Report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Annual Digest, the Treasurer's

Annual Account, List of Securities belonging to the General Synod, Widows' Fund Account, Widows' Fund Income Account, Disabled Ministers' Fund Account, Hope College Endowment Fund, Hope College Income Account, Education Fund, Education Fund Income, Endowed Scholarships, Estimate of Expenses of Synod, Statements of the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

The Board of Direction of General Synod beg leave to report that there have been received during the year the following bequests:

From the Executor of Jesse D. DeGraff, deceased, the sum of $500, less the United States Internal Revenue Tax of $30, bequeathed by him for the maintenance and support of the Domestic Missionary operations of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

From the Executor of Janet Hinchman, deceased, the sum of $500, less the United States Internal Revenue Tax of $30, bequeathed by her for the support of pious indigent young men preparing for the Gospel Ministry in the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church; and the sum of $500, less the United States Internal Revenue Tax of $30, bequeathed by her for the maintenance and support of the Theological Seminary of said church.

Hope College Endowment Fund.—There has been received for this fund during the year, in cash and promissory notes, the sum of $2,819 62, and there has been paid from the fund to the Treasurer of Hope College, in cash and promissory notes, the sum of $594 14, being the balance due on the donation of $30,000 made by General Synod to said College, to enable the Council to obtain their charter.

Widows' Fund.—This fund amounts to $30,335 69. The collections from Churches and individuals, during the past year, amount to $1,268 50. One annual subscriber has withdrawn from the fund the proportion of the amount of his former subscriptions, to which he was entitled under the rules for the government of the fund, and one subscription of $500 has been withdrawn from the fund. Annuities have been paid from the fund for the six months ending May 1st and November 1st, 1869, amounting in the aggregate to $1,579 13.

Your Board would report that the amount received to the 1st of May last, on account of the assesment of $20,000 made by General Synod in June, in 1864, for the purpose of increasing the Permanent Fund of Synod, is $17,056 49.

The following Classes were in arrears for Contingent Expenses on the 30th of April last, viz:

Classis of Albany	$49 38
Classis of Cayuga	12 50
Classis of Geneva	17 87
Classis of Illinois	18 44
North Classis of Long Island	43 50
Classis of Monmouth	28 28
Classis of Montgomery	26 50
South Classis of New York	61 82
Classis of Orange	116 43
Classis of Paramus	290 17
Classis of Poughkeepsie	28 76
Classis of Raritan	85
Classis of Saratoga	234 36
Classis of Schoharie	16
Classis of Westchester	59
Classis of Wisconsin	24 16
Total	$1,112 17

The following Classes were in arrears on the 30th April, for assessment to increase the Permanent Fund of General Synod by the sum of $20,000, viz:

Classis of Bergen	551 11
South Classis of Bergen	1,066
Classis of Greene	133 08
Classis of Montgomery	214 30
South Classis of New York	299 95
Classis of Paramus	177 80
Classis of Rensselaer	484 59
Classis of Schenectady	16 18
Total	$2,943 01

It is gratifying to the Board to be enabled to state, that in connection with the Standing Committee on Hertzog Hall, as instructed by the Synod at their last meeting, the invaluable services of Rev. James A. H. Cornell, D.D. were secured in continuing the work of the endowment of the Theological Seminary, which he had previously entered upon, and that by his indefatigable labors the work is progressing as favorably as could be expected. Previous to the

30th April last, Dr. Cornell had succeeded in obtaining an addition of $112,450 (including the munificent gift of $40,000 by James Suydam, Esq., as announced at the last meeting of General Synod,) to the property and funds of the Church, as follows: $56,950 towards the Permanent Fund, $48,450 of which was paid previous to 30th April last, and $2,000 since that date, and the balance in notes, amounting to $6,500; $37,500 for a library, $6,500 in cash, and the balance in notes, of which $2,500 has been paid since 30th of April last; and $18,000 by the joint liberality of James Suydam and Gardner A. Sage, Esqs., for the purchase of the property, corner of George street and Seminary avenue, in the City of New Brunswick, as a residence for one of the Professors, and now occupied by Rev. Dr. Berg, the Deed for which premises has been received by the Board.

The labors of Dr. Cornell will, Providence permitting, be continued until the fund shall reach a sum that the interest thereon will be adequate to all the wants of the Church. The result of a portion of his efforts will not probably be known to the Church for years to come. In the meantime the Board would ask the confidence and support of the ministry and people in aiding Dr. Cornell in the successful prosecution of his labors.

If the Classes which are in arrears for their portion of the assessment of $20,000 for the Permanent Fund can be influenced by the action of those Classes which have complied with the requisition of Synod, and at once pay their respective quotas, the whole Church would then stand on an equality, and one of the obstacles encountered in obtaining the endowment of the Seminary would be removed.

In compliance with the Resolution of the General Synod, adopted at their meeting in June, 1869, the Board has paid, by an advance from the Permanent Fund, the claim of the State Bank of New Brunswick against the Theological Professors, for the erection of the third Professorial residence on the grounds of the Seminary at New Brunswick, amounting to $6,292 85

We have also paid Rev. Dr. Demarest for money advanced by him for said building..... 275

$6,567 85

Of this amount there has been repaid by a donation from the Consistory of the Collegiate Church..		700
Leaving the nett advance.....		$5,867 85
In the year 1867, the Board, under the instruction of General Synod, advanced towards the erection of the residences for the Professors..	$4,000	
From which deduct the donation of Mrs. E. S. Labagh towards said building..	100	
		3,900
Making the whole amount so applied.....		9,767 85
In 1866, the proceeds of the sale of Rutgers College was paid over to the Building Committee as part of the expense incurred in building the residences on the West side of the Seminary,.....		12,000
Making the amount appropriated by the General Synod towards the three dwellings		$21,767 85

Donations for said houses obtained by the Committee to the amount of about $20,000, with the above expenditure by the Synod, have added to the property of the General Synod substantial improvements worth more than $40,000, and thereby relieved the Treasury from the payment of a part of the amount required for several years past for house rent for the Professors.

The above mentioned amount of $9,767 85, as advanced from the Permanent Fund, should be restored to the principal of the fund by contributions from the Churches, and of the 431 Churches of the denomination in this country, an average of a very small sum from each would accomplish the object.

In addition to the sum invested in dwellings, as mentioned above, the advances made by the Board for salaries and contingent expenses, including the amount reported 30th April, 1869, amount to the sum of $20,974 13. A part of this has been caused by the arrears of the Classes for contingent expenses. A part has been caused by the addition of a Professor in 1865, and the increase of the salaries of the Professors made in that and subsequent years, without any corresponding provision having been made at the time, except for a brief interval, for additional income to meet such increased expenditure; part for repairs to the Seminary, (exceeding the interest received on Mrs. Hertzog's legacy, and a small donation

of $50); and part by the unavoidable expense of the agent employed in obtaining the endowment of the Seminary, which latter item should, in time, be recovered from the excess of income over disbursements. The accumulations to the Permanent Fund, through the laborious exertions of Rev. Dr. Cornell, are so encouraging that it is hoped and believed the fund, at no distant period, will be such that the revenue therefrom will not only defray the necessary expenses of Synod, but also indemnify the cost of the endowment. In the meantime, measures should be taken to remove existing deficiences caused by said advances, and to provide funds to meet current expenses, until the fund yields sufficient to relieve the Church from assessments of all kinds, except for special objects, and but little effort can be necessary to effect so desirable a result.

When it is remembered that out of a communion of more than fifty-eight thousand in this country, less than fifty individuals have within the last year contributed over $100,000 for the interests of the Church, and that the fund will be amply endowed in all probability by less than four hundred altogether, the expectation may reasonably be indulged that the remaining, more than fifty thousand, who, as yet, have contributed nothing towards the fund, would be desirous of participating in the support of the Church, at least so far as to raise the small sum necessary to replace the deficiency, and aid in sustaining the work of the Church until its fund produces enough to satisfy all claims upon the revenues.

An average of $1 from each communicant of fifty thousand of the whole number would complete the work. If the whole ministry would interest themselves with this subject, the entire sum could be placed in the hands of the Treasurer within three or four months after the adjournment of Synod, and the hope be indulged that the Synod, at their future meetings, would in a great measure be relieved from all considerations of pecuniary affairs.

The attention of Synod is called to the necessity of a change of the inscription on their Seal, in consequence of the alteration of the name of the Church, the last Synod having omitted any action upon the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. R. WARNER, *President.*

M. S. HUTTON,
JAMES SUYDAM, } *Directors.*
JOHN VAN NEST,

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, June 2d, 1870.

Treasurer's Annual Account.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, in account with JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

1869.		Dr.		
May	19	To Cash paid the following persons, for annuity, from the Widows' Fund, for the six months ending 1st inst:		
		Mrs. Rosina Stillwell	$19 50	
		Annie M. Heyer	26	
		Susan Rudy to March 12th, 1869, amount due the late Maria Rudy,	28 60	
		Mrs. Maria Lansing	39	
		Lydia M. W. Sluyter	52	
		Catharine E. Van Wagenen	52	
		Harriet V. V. Mabon	52	
		Esther S. Winfield	52	
		Caroline Hoff	52	
		Esther Hammond	52	
		Jane Harlow	52	
		M. A. Bassler	52	
		Maria H. Van Dyck	52	
		Elizabeth T. Currie	52	
		Eliza C. Lyall	52	
		Rev. R. W. Knight	52	
		John F. Ward, M.D., Guardian for John Scott, a minor child of the late Rev. James Scott, D.D	19 50	756 60
	21	paid Rev. Thos. B. Gregory, on account of appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund, for the year commencing 1st inst		50
June	1	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, N. J., for one quarter's salary due this day:		
		Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D	625	
		John DeWitt, D.D	625	
		Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D	625	
		Joseph F. Berg, D.D	625	
		" " allowance for one quarter's house rent	125	2,625
		Carried forward		$3,431 60

1869.		Dr.		
		Brought forward		$3,431 60
June	9	To Cash paid the following Delegates, for traveling expenses in attending the meeting of General Synod this month, viz:		
		Rev. A. H. Van Vranken, from Classis of Michigan	28	
		Rev. C. Vanderveen, Classis of Michigan	28	
		Elder Chas. W. McNair, "	28	
		Rev. Jacob Vandermeulen, Classis of Holland	21	
		Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, D.D., Classis of Holland	21	
		Rev. Philip Phelps. Jr,. D.D., Classis of Holland	21	
		Elder H. Yntema, Classis of Holland	21	
		Rev. Jas. Demarest, Jr., Classis of Wisconsin	32	
		Rev. P. Lepeltak, Classis of Wisconsin	32	
		John Vandermeulen, "	32	
		E. Winter, Classis of Illinois	36	
		J. S. Joralmon, " "	36	
		S. A. Bumstead, " "	36	
				372
	9	paid insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, for one year from this date, viz:		
		Washington Ins. Co., on $5,000	33 75	
		Manhattan " 5,000	33 75	
		New Brunswick " 5,000	33 75	
		Greenwich " 5,000	33 75	
				135
	16	paid the Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer:		
		for six months' interest, to May 1st, on amount of invested scholarships	2518 02	
		for six months' interest, to May 1st, on Hope College Endowment Fund	456 14	
		for interest on Parochial School Fund	54 03	
				3,028 19
	24	paid Rev. J. A. DeBaun, for traveling expenses as Corresponding Delegate, in attending the meeting of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, at Monmouth, Ill.		70
	24	paid Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D., for traveling expenses as a member of the Committee on Calling a National Council		13 30
	28	paid Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D.D., for expenses as Corresponding Delegate, in attending the meeting of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Washington, D. C.		18
		Caaried forward		$7,068 09

1869.		Dr.		
		Brought forward		$7,068 09
June	24	To Cash paid Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.:		
		for salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod	150	
		traveling expenses	7 50	
		stationery, printing and postage	36 62	
		doorkeeper's bill	26 90	
		telegraphing a notification to Rev. Mr. Vandermeulen, in Holland	24 37	
				245 39
		paid the following persons, amount of appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund, viz:		
	29	Rev. A. C. Hillman	100	
	29	Mrs. Nanning Bogardus	50	
	30	Mary T. Searle	100	
	30	Rev. R. W. Knight	50	
				300
July	2	paid North River Insurance Company, for insurance on the three professorial buildings at New Brunswick, for one year from this date		90
	7	paid the Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, per Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor. D. D., Treasurer, amount of interest on Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog, to be applied to the keeping and maintaining said Hall in good order and repair		1,060
	8	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D.:		
		for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents	25	
		for expenses of the Board	1 75	
				26 75
	17	paid Rev. Jas. A. H. Cornell, D.D., for services rendered in prosecuting the work of endowing the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, from January 26th to July 1st., 1869		1,291 67
	21	paid State Bank at New Brunswick, for note of Committee on the Hertzog Theological Hall, dated April 19, 1869, payable three months after date, for six thousand two hundred and ninety-two dollars and eighty-five cents, given for money borrowed from said Bank for the purpose of completing the professorial dwellings, and paid by authority of General Synod		6,292 85
	29	paid Rev. Samuel J. Rogers for traveling expenses, as Corresponding Delegate, in attending the meeting of the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church		13
Aug.	4	paid Rev. Thos. B. Gregory amount of appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund		50
		Carried forward		$16,437 75

1869.		Dr.		
		Brought forward		$16,437 75
Aug.	18	To Cash paid Rev. Jas. A. H. Cornell, D.D., for services rendered in prosecuting the work of endowing the Theological Seminary, for two months, to September 1, 1869		500
	20	paid for insurance on the furniture and library in the Hertzog Theological Hall		45
	23	paid the Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer:		
		for six months' interest to July 1st. on $5,200, U. S. 5-20 reg. bonds, and premium	212 94	
		for six months' dividend on 50 shares of the stock of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co.	250	
				462 94
	30	paid Board of Domestic Missions, per John R. Smith, Treasurer, amount of bequest of Jessie D. DeGraff, deceased		470
Sept.	4	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst., viz:		
		Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.	750	
		John DeWitt, D.D.	750	
		Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.	750	
		Joseph F. Berg, D.D.	750	
		" " allowance for one quarter's house rent	125	
				3,125
	18	paid United States Trust Co. forty thousand dollars, amount of temporary deposit, with interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum		40,000
	25	paid insurance on buildings connected with Hope College		18 50
	27	paid Rev. C. H. Edgar, for traveling expenses, in attending the meeting of General Synod in June last, to preach the sermon on benevolence		10 76
	28	paid additional insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, viz:		
		Washington Insurance Co. on $5,000	26 85	
		Gebhard " " $5,000	26 85	
				53 70
Oct.	8	paid Rev. James A. H. Cornell, D.D., for services rendered for two months to Nov. 1, 1869		500
	23	paid Baker & Godwin for 600 fine Letter Circulars, 2 pages, to order		18
	26	paid the following persons, amount of appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund, viz:		
		Miss Mary A. May, per Rev. H. D. Ganse,	100	
		Rev. A. C. Hillman	100	
		Rev. Thomas B. Gregory	50	
				250
		Carried forward		$61,891 65

1869.		Dr.		
		Brought forward		$61,891 65
Nov.	11	To Cash paid Sarah L. and Leander L. Allen, per Miller, Peet & Opdyke, twenty-three thousand dollars, amount loaned on bond and mortgage		23,000
	17	paid the following persons, annuity from the Widows' Fund for the six months ending 1st inst., viz:		
		Mrs. Rosina Stillwell	20 25	
		Annie M. Heyer	27	
		Maria Lansing	40 50	
		Lydia M. W. Sluyter	54	
		Catharine E. Van Wagenen	54	
		Harriet V. V. Mabon	54	
		Esther S. Winfield	54	
		Caroline Hoff	54	
		Esther Hammond	54	
		Jane Harlow	54	
		M. A. Bassler	54	
		Maria H. Van Dyck	54	
		Elizabeth T. Currie	54	
		Eliza C. Lyall	54	
		Rev. R. W. Knight	54	
		John F. Ward, M.D., guardian for John Scott, a minor child of the late Rev. Jas. Scott, D.D., from May 1 to Oct. 8, 1869, when he became 16 years of age	17 78	753 53
	17	paid Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, per Rev. William J. R. Taylor, Treasurer:		
		for repairs on said Hall	2,400	
		for salary of the Janitor for one year	100	
		for fuel for the same time	20	2,520
	19	paid Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer:		
		for six months' interest, to 1st inst., on amount of invested scholarships	2,400	
		for six months' interest, to 1st inst., on Hope College Endowment Fund	425	2,825
Dec.	4	paid John Paine (per Miller, Peet & Opdyke), eight thousand dollars, amount of loan on bond and mortgage		8,000
	6	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary for one quarter's salary due this day, viz:		
		Carried forward		$98,990 18

1869.		Dr.	
		Brought forward	$98,090 18
		Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D 750	
		John DeWitt, D.D 750	
		Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D 750	
		Joseph F. Berg, D.D 750	
		" " allowance for one quarter's house rent 125	
			3,125
Dec.	7	paid Ellen and Charles A. Acton (per Miller, Peet & Opdyke), six thousand dollars, amount loaned on their bond and mortgage	6,000
	13	paid Frederick W. Van Liew, guardian, amount of annuity from the Widows' Fund for six months, to Nov. 1, 1869, due Henry P. Van Liew, a minor child of the late Rev. J. C. Van Liew	20 25
	15	paid William Lynch (per Miller. Peet & Opdyke), eight thousand dollars, upon his assignment to General Synod, a bond and mortgage of James M. Horton	8,000
	15	paid James Suydam, amount borrowed from him November 16th	1,400
	20	paid Helena and Bernhard Westheimer (per Miller Peet & Opdyke), seven thousand dollars, upon an assignment of Matilda C. Bull to General Synod of a bond and mortgage of John Barry and wife, and upon agreement and covenants of said Helena and Bernhard Westheimer	7,000
	21	paid Rev. James A. H. Cornell, D.D., for services rendered for the two months ending January 1, 1870	500
	23	paid Herman Masemann and Elizabeth his wife, per Miller Peet & Opdyke, five thousand dollars, amount of loan on their bond and mortgage	5,000
1870. Jan.	6	paid Wm. Knapp, per Miller Peet & Opdyke, two thousand dollars, amount of loan on bond and mortgage of himself and wife	2,000
	7	paid Committee on the Hertzog Theological Hall, per Rev. William J. R. Taylor, Treasurer, on account of interest on legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog	300
	11	paid Rev. Thos. B. Gregory, balance of appropriation of $200 from the Disabled Ministers' Fund, for the year commencing May 1st, 1869	50
	14	paid Rev. James A. H. Cornell, D.D., on account of expenses incurred in prosecuting the work of endowing the Theological Seminary	600
	25	paid John Matthews, per Miller Peet & Opdyke, five thousand dollars, amount loaned on bond and mortgage of himself and wife	5,000
		Carried forward	$137,985 43

1870.		Dr.		
		Brought forward.....		$137,985 43
Jan.	26	To Cash paid Committee on the Hertzog Theological Hall, per Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor, Treasurer:		
		two thousand dollars.....	2,000	
		two hundred and fifty dollars	250	
				2,250
Feb.	1	paid John C. Elmendorf, Esq., as per order of Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, six thousand dollars, less three months' interest, $105, being the first installment on the purchase of the dwelling house of Geo. H. Cook for the General Synod, for a Professorial residence ...		5,895
	2	paid Rev. P. Phelps, Jr., acting Treasurer of Hope College, on account of the $30,000 donated by General Synod to said College....		377 30
	3	paid Gardner A. Sage, for interest allowed on payment of his note of January 22nd		105
	16	paid Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer:		
		for six months' interest to January 1st, on $5,200, U. S. 5-20 registered bonds and premium.....	189 54	
		for six months' dividend on fifty shares of the stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company.....	250	
				439 54
Mar'h	1	paid Rev. James A. H. Cornell, D.D., for services rendered for the two months ending this day...		500
	1	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary for one quarter's salary due this day, viz:		
		Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.....	750	
		John DeWitt, D.D.....	750	
		Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.....	750	
		Joseph F. Berg, D.D.....	750	
		" " for allowance for one quarter's house rent.....	125	
				3,125
	9	paid Rev. Jas. A. H. Cornell, D.D.:		
		for purchase of an organ for the Hertzog Theological Hall.....	225	
		for payment of arrears of students in said Hall.....	100	
				325
	12	paid for expenses incurred in the Laing Will suit		19
	12	paid Frederick W. Van Liew, guardian, amount of annuity from the Widows' Fund, from Dec. 31, 1867, to May 1, 1869, due Henry P. Van Liew, a minor child of the late Rev. J. C. Van Liew..		48 75
	12	paid Rev. N. J. Marselus, D.D., amount of appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund, for the year commencing Nov. 1st, 1869.....		200
		Carried forward		$151,270 02

1870.		Dr.	
		Brought forward	$151,270 02
Mar'h	26	paid Rev. Jas. A. H. Cornell, D.D., for relief of students in the Hertzog Theological Hall	300
	29	paid Committee on the Hertzog Theological Hall, per Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor, Treas., for the use of the Committee for repairs	1,200
	30	paid Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D., expenses in attending as a witness in the Laing Will suit	16
	30	paid John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College: for one year's interest, to June 20, 1969, on the Col. Henry Rutgers' donation of $5,000 ... 300; for semi-annual dividends on ten shares of the Bergen Turnpike stock ... 8 60	308 60
April	9	paid Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D., amount heretofore paid by him into the Widows' Fund, in one sum, and now withdrawn	500
	15	paid Rev. Ph. Phelps, Jr., D.D., President of Hope College, the balance due on the $30,000 donated by General Synod to said College, to enable the Council to obtain their charter	166 84
	15	paid for insurance on Hope College	93 75
	18	paid for insurance on the three Professorial buildings at New Brunswick	67 50
	19	paid Committee on the Hertzog Theological Hall, per Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor, D.D., Treas., for the purpose of refunding money expended by Professor Demarest in completing the third Professorial building	275
	19	paid Rev. John De Witt, D.D., for expenses in removing to Professorial building	66 66
	21	paid John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer Rutgers College, thirty-eight dollars and forty cents, being three dollars and eighty-four cents per share on ten shares of Bergen Turnpike stock belonging to said College, being partition of the proceeds of a sale of a part of the road	38 40
	23	paid Rev. J. McC. Holmes, for traveling expenses as Corresponding Delegate, in attending the session of the General Synod of the German Reformed Church	15
	28	paid Rev. Henry A. Raymond the proportion of annual payments made by him into the Widows' Fund, to which he was entitled, under the rules for the government of the fund, and now withdrawn	135
	28	paid John C. F. Ihlenburg and Herman H. Ausderoh, per Miller, Peet & Opdyke, eight thousand dollars, on account of loan on their bond and mortgage of $15,000	8,000
		Carried forward	$162,452 77

1870.	Dr.		
	Brought forward		$162,452 77
April 28	To Cash paid D. C. Van Cott, Attorney for James Myers' Son & Co., six hundred dollars, being amount of claim made by said firm against the Rev. James A. H. Cornell, D.D., for money advanced for expenses in prosecuting the work of endowing the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.	$600	
	paid interest thereon	48 13	648 13
30	paid Rev. Jas. A. H. Cornell, D.D., agent of Committee on the Hertzog Theological Hall, twelve thousand dollars, being the balance due on the purchase of the dwelling house of George H. Cook for the General Synod, for a Professorial residence		12,000
30	paid Rev. Jas. A. H. Cornell, D.D., eighteen hundred and thirteen dollars and eighty-eight cents, which together with the amount previously paid, making the salary equal to $5,000 per annum, from Jan. 26, 1869, to April 30, 1870, being for services and expenses, in prosecuting the work of endowing the Theological Seminary		1,813 88
30	paid Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treas., on account of the six months' interest due May 1st on Hope College Endowment Fund		475
30	paid John I. Brower as follows, viz:		
	for one year's salary as Treasurer of General Synod	1,000	
	for postage, stationery, and discount on uncurrent funds	42 16	1,042 16
	This amount apportioned to the following Funds, as per resolution of General Synod, viz:		
	Permanent Professorial Fund	$477 60	
	Education Fund	252 65	
	Widows' Fund	256 72	
	Permanent Contingent Fund	5 40	
	Hope College Endowment Fund	49 79	
		$1,042 16	178,431 94
30	To balance on hand carried to new account		2,614 06
			$181,046

1869.		Cr.		
		By balance from last account		$12,111 88
May	1	By Cash received for six months' interest to April 29th on bond of $15,000		450
		for six months' interest to May 1st, on bond of $5,000		150
		for six months' interest to February 5, on bond of $4,000		120
		for six months' interest to February 5, on bond of $5,000		150
		for twelve months' interest to this date, on the subscription of the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church of $5,000, to the Permanent Fund of General Synod		300
		for six months' interest to this date on United States 5-20 registered bond of $10,000 and gold premium thereon		404 25
		for six months' interest to this date on United States 5-20 coupon bond of $100 and gold premium		4 04
	14	for six months' interest to April 28th, on bond of $6,500		227 50
	31	for six months' interest to June 1st, on note of Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor of $250.		17 50
June	1	for six months' interest to this date, on bond of $20,000		700
	3	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of $7,500		225
	4	for six months' interest to 6th inst., on bond of $2,500		87 50
	11	for six months' interest to 9th inst., on bond of $12,000		420
	21	for six months' interest to May 1, on bond of $5,000		175
	30	for twelve months' interest on subscription of the late Cornelius Duryee to the Permanent Fund,		15
July	15	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on $25,300 United States regist'd bonds, 5-20's	759	
		Gold premium on the same	277 04	
		for six months' interest to 1st inst., on $5,200 United States 5-20 regist'd bonds,	156	
		Gold premium on same	56 94	
		for six months' interest to 1st inst., on $4,500 United States bonds, "1881"	135	
		Gold premium on same	49 27	
				1,433 25
	16	for six months' interest to May 19, on bond of $20,000		600
	21	for six months' interest to 18th inst., on bond of $15,000		525
	28	for twelve months' interest to April 1st, on eight bonds of the Township of Holland of $100 each		56
		Carried forward		$18,171 92

1869.		Cr.	
		Brought forward	$18,171 92
Aug.	5	from Executor of Jesse D. De Graff, deceased, am't of bequest for maintenance and support of the Domestic Missionary operations of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church	470
		for six months' interest to this date on bond of $4,000	120
		for six months' interest to this date on bond of $5,000	150
	7	for six months' dividend on fifty shares of the stock of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co.	250
	14	for six months' interest, to July 28th, on bond of $6,000	210
	21	for six months' interest to 14th inst., on bond of $7,000	245
	28	for interest on two bonds of $500 each	50
	30	for twelve months' interest to May 1, 1869, on subscription of Samuel Smith, Esq., to the Permanent Fund of General Synod	15
Sept	2	from Miss Jane C. Van Schaick, in payment of her note of 1st inst., toward the endowment of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick	500
	4	received from James Suydam, Esq., forty thousand dollars, being amount of his subscription to endow a Professorship in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., to be called and always hereafter known, as "The Jas. Suydam Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology"	40,000
	7	received from Peter R. Warner, toward endowment of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick	500
	10	for six months' interest to Oct. 1, on two bonds amounting to $10,000	350
	13	for six months' interest to 12th inst., on bond of $3,200	112
Oct	6	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on two bonds amounting to $16,000	560
	7	from Pierson S. Halstead, toward endowment of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick	50
	11	from Miss Jane C. Van Schaick, in payment of her note of Sept. 1, 1869, at eight months, toward the endowment of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick	500
	14	for six months' interest to 16th inst., on $4,000, balance of bond	140
	19	for six months' interest to 20th inst., on bond of $7,000	245
	21	for six months' interest to 27th inst., on bond of $2,800	84
	25	for six months' interest to 22d inst., on two bonds amounting to $5,250	183 75
		Carried forward	$62,906 67

1869.		Cr		
		Brought forward		$62,906 67
Oct.	28	for twelve months' interest to May 1st., on subscription of David W. Wetmore to the Permanent Fund of General Synod		30
	30	for six months' interest to 21st inst., on bond of $5,000		175
Nov.	3	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on $5,000, balance of bond		175
	4	for six months' interest to Oct. 30, on bond of $6,000		210
	11	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on United States 5-20 registered bond of $10,000, and gold premium thereon		380 25
		for six months' interest to 1st inst., on United States 5-20 coupon bond of $100, and gold premium thereon		3 80
	11	from United States Trust Company, part of Deposit withdrawn		23,000
	16	from Jas. Suydam, amount borrowed for the purpose of paying for repairs on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall		1,400
	17	for six months' interest to October 29th, on bond of $15,000		450
		for six months' interest to November 1st, on bond of $5,000		150
		for six months' interest to November 19th, on bond of $20,000		600
Dec.	1	for six months' interest to this date, on bond of $20,000		700
	1	for six months' interest to October 28, 1869, on bond of $6,500		227 50
	1	from Geo. Ross, in payment of bond of Philo V. Beebe	7,500	
		for six months' interest thereon	225	
				7,725
	2	from Peter A. H. Jackson, in payment of his note of this date, on demand, for endowment of the Theological Seminary		2,500
	7	from the United States Trust Company, balance of deposit of Sept. 18th, withdrawn	17,000	
		interest on same	284 66	
				17,284 66
	13	for six months' interest to 9th inst., on bond of $12,000		420
	13	for six months' interest to November 1, 1869, on bond of $5,000		175
	15	from G. E. Winants, toward endowment of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick		100
	15	from James Suydam, in payment of his note of 1st inst., payable on demand, for library of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.		2,500
		Carried Forward		$121,112 28

1869.		Cr.	
		Brought forward	$121,112 88
Dec.	20	for six months' interest to 6th inst., on bond of $2,500	87 50
	21	from United States Trust Company, a portion of deposit withdrawn	7,000
1870.			
Jan.	4	from Miss Margaret E. Duryea, in payment of her note of Nov. 29, payable one and a-half months after date, for endowment of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, or for repairs of the Hertzog Theological Hall	1,000
	7	from Jonathan Sturges, in payment of his note of Nov. 19, 1869, payable two months after date, for library of the Theological Seminary	2,500
	8	from Theophilus Anthony, toward repairs of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall	50
	8	from Miss M. Josephine Oothout, toward endowment of the Theological Seminary	500
	23	from Thos. Jeremiah, toward the endowment of the Theological Seminary	100
	13	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on $4,500, United States coupon bonds "1881," and gold premium thereon	164 70
	19	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on $25,300 United States 5-20 registered bonds, and gold premium thereon	922 19
		for six months' interest on $5,200, United States 5-20 registered bonds, and gold premium thereon.	189 54
	19	for six months' interest to 18th inst., on bond of $15,000	525
	20	from Wm. T. Runk, in payment of his note of Oct. 1st., 1869, payable three months after date, toward endowment of the Theological Seminary	1,000
Feb.	1	for six months' interest to Jan. 28, on bond of $6,000	210
	1	from Gardner A. Sage, six thousand dollars, in payment of his note of Jan. 22d, for purchase of a house for Professor of Didactic Theology	6,000
	2	from Rev. P. Phelps, Jr., acting Treasurer of Hope College, for the Endowment Fund of said College	377 30
	11	for six months' interest to 5th inst., on bond of $4,000	120
	11	for six months' interest to 5th inst., on bond of $5,000	150
		for six months' dividend on fifty shares of the stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co	250
	15	from Executor of Janet Hinchman, deceased, amount bequeathed by her for the support of pious indigent young men preparing for the Gospel Ministry in the Reformed Protestant Ch	470
		and amount bequeathed by her for the maintenance and support of the Theological Seminary of said Church	470
		Carried forward	$143,199 11

1870.		Cr.		
		Brought forward		$143,199 11
Feb.	17	for six months' interest to April 1st, on two bonds amounting to $10,000		350
	28	from Peter R. Warner, toward endowment of the Theological Seminary		500
Mar'h	1	for six months' interest to Feb. 14, on bond of $7,000		245
	9	from the following persons for the purchase of an Organ for the Hertzog Theological Hall, viz:		
		Samuel B. and James L. Schieffelin	$150	
		Philip Philips	50	
		David Bishop	25	
				225
	9	from Samuel B. Schieffelin, for payment of arrears of students in the Hertzog Theological Hall		100
	12	for six months' interest to this date, on bond of $3,200		112
	15	from Mrs. Laura N. Hegeman, toward endowment of the Theological Seminary		5
	25	from R. N. Perlee, toward endowment of the Theological Seminary		100
	25	from the Hertzog Hall Committee, in payment of subscriptions to the Permanent Fund, $125		
		interest on subscriptions	13 77	
				138 77
	26	from Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, amount donated toward the erection of the Professorial dwellings at New Brunswick		700
	26	from the following, for relief of students in the Hertzog Theological Hall, viz:		
		James Suydam	$200	
		Gardner A. Sage	100	
				300
	29	for dividends on 23 shares of the Bergen Turnpike Stock, 10 of which belong to Rutgers College,		19 78
	29	for partition of proceeds of the sale of a part of the Turnpike road, $3 84 per share		88 32
	31	from John C. Calhoun toward endowment of the Theological Seminary		100
April	5	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on two bonds amounting to $16,000		560
	6	from James Anderson, M.D., on account of his note of January 21, 1870, for the library of the Theological Seminary		500
	6	for interest on bond of $7,000, from December 21 to this date		142 91
	12	for six months' interest to the 16th instant, on $4,0000, balance of bond		140
	12	from Rev. Oscar Gesner, for library of the Theological Seminary		1,000
	21	for six months' interest to 20th inst., on bond of $7,000		245
		Carried forward		$148,770 89

1870.	Cr.		
	Brought forward		$148,770 89
April 22	for six months' interest to 21st inst., on bond of $5,000		175
22	for one year's interest on subscription of Mrs. A. M. Zabriskie of $500, toward the more complete endowment of the Theological Seminary, per Rev. John DeWitt, D.D.		35
26	for six months' interest to 27th inst., on bond of $2,800		84
25	for six months' interest to 22d inst., on two bonds amounting to $5,250		183 75
28	from the United States Trust Co. balance of deposit withdrawn	8,000	
	interest on the same	469 55	
			8,469 55
28	from Gardner A. Sage, in payment of his note of Jan. 26th, 1870, for purchase of house for Professor of Didactic Theology		3,000
28	from James Suydam, in payment of his note of Jan. 22d, 1870	6,000	
	and in payment of his note of Jan. 26th, 1870, both being for purchase of house for Professor of Didactic Theology	3,000	
			9,000
29	from Classis of Rensselaer, on account of interest on arrears of assessment, made by General Synod in 1864 on said Classis, to increase the Permanent Fund		15
30	for six months' interest to this date, on bond of $6,000		210
30	for twelve months' interest to 1st inst, on eight bonds of the Township of Holland of $100 each.		56
30	for six months' interest to May 1, on $5,000, balance of bond		175
30	for two years' interest to Nov. 1, 1869, on note of the Board of Publication for $1,000.		140
30	from John I. Brower, amount borrowed from him, to meet demands on the Board of Direction of General Synod		3,712 44
	received for Contingent Expenses of General Synod during the year, from the following Classes, viz:		
	Monmouth	$15	
	South Long Island	60	
	Holland	38 18	
	New York	74 08	
	Raritan	39 92	
	South New York	22	
	Passaic	24 80	
	New Brunswick	31 15	
	Bergen	18 62	
	Kingston	30 36	
	Michigan	8 50	
	Carried forward		$174,026 63

1870.	Cr.			
April 30	Brought forward			$174,026 63
	Geneva	26	37	
	Ulster	32	24	
	Albany	38	87	
	Rensselaer	28	77	
	Paramus	40	61	
	South New York	15		
	Hudson	24	56	
	Greene	21		
	Schenectady	32	56	
	South Bergen	45	38	
	Philadelphia	47		
	South New York	30		
	Albany	109	38	
				854 35
	Received for the Widows' Fund, during the year, as follows, viz:			
	Reformed Church at Farmerville	$4		
	Northwest Church, New York	62	64	
	Mrs. Julia Storm, Tarrytown	50		
	Bethel Church, Pella, Iowa	6		
	Reformed Church, Prospect Hill, N. Y.	15		
	" " Middleburgh, N. Y.	4	23	
	First " Kingston, N. Y.	7	68	
	Reformed Dutch Collegiate Church, N. Y.	117	54	
	" Church, New Salem	4	00	
	" " Stuyvesant	14	10	
	Rev. E. Nevius	5	00	
	Reformed Church, Gravesend, L. I.	16	29	
	" " Sayville, L. I.	2	10	
	First " Brooklyn	27	90	
	First " Newark	28	08	
	Reformed " N. and Southhampt'n	5	50	
	" " " "	8		
	" " Astoria, L. I	16	32	
	" " Six-Mile-Run	17	70	
	" " Layfayette, N. J.	13	10	
	First " Glenville	5	50	
	Second " Coxsackie	8	22	
	Reformed " Rochester, Cl. Geneva,	15	00	
	First Ref. D. " V. Voorst, Jersey C'y	11	80	
	First " Holland	21	60	
	Reformed " Samsonville	2	25	
	" " Griggstown	5	50	
	" " Schoharie	8	54	
	" " East New York	15	51	
	" " Middlebush	14	50	
	" " Berea, Orange Co. N.Y.	4		
	Second " Poughkeepsie	43	32	
	Third " Raritan	10		
	Reformed " Addisville	30	72	
	" " Port Richmond, S. I.	20		
	North " Newark	48		
	Carried forward			$174,880 98

1870.	Cr.		
	Brought forward		$174,880 98
April 30	Second Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa	5 05	
	South " " Brooklyn	9 72	
	Reformed " " New Brooklyn	2	
	" " Kinderhook	15 55	
	First " Tarrytown	1 60	
	Reformed " Northum'd, N.Y.	2 30	
	First " Rotterdam	9	
	Reformed Dutch " Flatbush, Ul. Co.	12	
	" " New Concord	10	
	" " Belleville	10 65	
	" " Wyckoff	4	
	First " Hudson	25	
	Reformed Dutch " Bergen	18 25	
	German Evangelical Mission Ch., N. Y.	10 00	
	Reformed Church, New Hackensack	8	
	Second " Claverack	27 13	
	Reformed " Long Branch	5	
	" " Amity, N. Y.	8 55	
	" " Flatlands, L. I.	6 25	
	" " Port Richmond	30 00	
	" " New Lots, L. I.	20 00	
	" " Addisville	10 83	
	" " Catskill	13	
	Second " Newark	10 11	
			963 63
	received for the Widows' Fund Income Account, as follows, viz:		
	from Third Reformed Church, Jersey City.	18 05	
	Reformed Church, Spring Lake, Ill.	3 50	
	" " Cleveland, O.	9 08	
			30 63
	received for the Widows' Fund, during the year, where $20 of each amount is to apply to the credit of Pastors, as follows, viz:		
	from the Reformed Church at Geneva, Rev. Sam'l J. Rogers, Pastor	$20	
	Reformed Church on the Heights, Brooklyn, Rev. Zachary Eddy, D. D., Pastor	36 04	
	First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, Rev. Richard H. Steele, D.D., Pastor.	38	
	Reformed Church, Greenpoint, L. I., Rev. Alexander McKelvey, Pastor	20	
	Reformed Church, New Utrecht, L. I., Rev. David S. Sutphen, Pastor. The 63c., together with $19 37 received from the church last year, is to apply to his credit, as was intended, but omitted to be so stated at the time of payment	20 63	
	Reformed Church, English Neighborhod, Rev. A. B. Taylor, Pastor	20	
	Carried forward		$175,875 24

1870	Cr.		
	Brought forward		$175,875 24
April 30	First Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa, Rev. Egbert Winter, Pastor	23 85	
	Reformed Church, 34th st., New York, Rev. Isaac Riley, Pastor	20	
	Reformed Church, Kiskayuna, Rev. J. A. De Baun, Pastor	22 35	
	Reformed Church at Yonkers, Rev. David Cole, D. D., Pastor	20	
	Reformed Church, Branchville, N. J., Rev. Wm. Pitcher, Pastor	20	
	Reformed Dutch Church, New Paltz, Rev. Ph. Peltz, D.D., Pastor. The $20 from the church, last year, is also to apply to his credit, as was intended, but omitted to be so stated at the time of payment	20	
	Reformed Church, Gallupville, New York, Rev. Edwin Vedder, Pastor	24	
			304 87
	received from the following clerygymen during the year, for their annual payments to the Widows' Fund, viz:		
	Rev. William Demarest	20	
	John H. Bevier	20	
	James R. Talmage	20	
	Wm. W. Halloway	20	
	David D. Demarest, D.D.	20	
	G. M. S. Blauvelt	20	
	John R. Brock	20	
	John L. See, D.D	20	
	Augustus F. Todd	20	
	Joseph Wilson	20	
	Stephen Searle	20	
	A. H. Myers	20	
	P. D. Van Cleef, D.D.	20	
	A. Mattice	20	
	Henry A. Raymond	20	
	B. C. Lippincott	20	
	John H. Pitcher	20	
	Cornelius Wyckoff	20	
	John Gardner	20	
	Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.	20	
	Wm. G. E. See	20	
	John H. Duryea	20	
	Isaac S. Demund	20	
	Marshall B. Smith	20	
	John H. Bevier	20	
	Henry W. F. Jones	20	
	H. B. Stryker	20	
	John A. Lansing, D.D.	20	
			560
	Carried forward		$176,740 11

1870.	Cr.			
	Brought forward			$176,740 11
April 30	received for the Disabled Ministers' Fund during the year, as follows, viz:			
	from the R. Church, English Neighbor'd.	17		
	St. Paul's R. D. Church, New York	53	53	
	Middle Reformed Church, Brooklyn	76	75	
	Mrs. Julia Storm, Tarrytown	50		
	Reformed Church at Geneva	10		
	" " Prospect Hill, N. Y.	15		
	" " Middleburgh, N. Y.	4	22	
	Bethel " Pella, Iowa	5	50	
	Collegiate R. D. Church, New York	117	54	
	Reformed " Gravesend, L.I.	16	29	
	" " on the Heights, Brooklyn	36	03	
	Samuel B. Schieffelin	25		
	First R. Church, Brooklyn	27	90	
	Reformed " Pella, Iowa	24	10	
	Reformed Dutch Church, Astoria, L. I	25		
	" " Stuyvesant	8	40	
	Rev. E. Nevius	5		
	Reformed Church, Fairview, Ill	8		
	" " Lafayette, N. J	20		
	First " New Brunswick	60		
	Reformed " Greenpoint, L. I	20		
	" " Sayville, L. I	2	25	
	" " Rhinebeck	21		
	Mrs. Francis T. Luqueer	30		
	Reformed Church, N. and Southampton.	13	50	
	First " Tarrytown	33	50	
	" " Grand Rapids	5		
	Second " Pella, Iowa	9		
	Reformed " Berea, Or'ge Co., N.Y.	4		
	Third " Raritan	10		
	Reformed " Addisville, Pa	28	19	
	" " Port Richmond	20		
	" " Manhasset, L. I	12		
	" " Cleveland, Ohio	13	24	
	" " Pompton	19		
	" " New Concord	10		
	South " Brooklyn	9	72	
	North " "	31	03	
	East " "	20		
	Reformed " Germantown, N. Y.	8		
	" " Kinderhook	15	55	
	" " Claverack	12		
	" " Holmdel	23	71	
	" " 34th St. New York	21	45	
	Ref'd D. " Stanton, N. J	27		
	A member of Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.,—"A thank offering"	5		
	Carried forward			$176,740 11

1870.	Cr.		
	Brought forward		$176,740 11
April 30	First Ref. Church, Tarrytown,	5 41	
	" " Glenville N. Y.	2 50	
	Reformed " Fonda	10	
	" " Yonkers	5 76	
	" " Wyckoff	4	
	" " Bergen Point	30	
	First " Hudson	25	
	Reformed Dutch Church, Bergen,	18 25	
	Ger. Evan. Mission, New York	10	
	Second Reformed Church, Claverack	23 50	
	Reformed Dutch Church, New Paltz	3 77	
	Reformed Church, Gallupville	2	
	" " Long Branch	5	
	" " Flatlands	6 25	
	" " Port Richmond	30	
	" " New Lots, L. I.	10	
	" " Addisville	10 84	
	" " Catskill	17	
	Second " Newark	10 11	
	Reformed " New Salem, N. Y.	7 70	
	" " New Hackensack	8	
			1,274 49
	received for the Endowment Fund of Hope College, as follows, viz:		
	from a Friend	25	
	Classis of Rensselaer	100	
	Simon Shindler (per Rev. A. T. Stewart), to constitute a Scholarship to be called "the Simon Shindler Scholarship"	1,000	
	Classis of Raritan, from		
	Church of North Branch	48 10	
	" High Bridge	24	
	" Pottersville	30	
	" Peapack	40	
	Classis of Rensselaer	53 67	
	Rev. Thos. DeWitt, D.D., per Rev. P. Phelps	500	
	Mrs. M. F. Tillotson, per Rev. P. Phelps.	100	
	Rev. Isaac M. See, " "	5	
	Reformed Church at Yonkers, "	100	
	South Classis of Bergen, per Jas. A. Williamson, Treasurer of Committee, balance of pledge of $1,000	63 30	
	Classis of W'chester, per Rev. C. D. Buck, from Church at Melrose	20	
	" West Farms	13	
	" Bronxville	20 25	
	Mrs. M. F. Tillotson, per Rev. P. Phelps	50	
	Mrs. F. F. Chrystie, " "	50	
	Miss Mary Few, " "	50	
	Mrs. M. F. Tillotson. " "	100	
			2,392 32
	Carried forward		$180,406 92

1870.	Cr.		
	Brought forward		$180,406 92
April 30	received during the year on account of the assessment of $20,000 made by General Synod in June, 1864, for the purpose of increasing the Permanent Fund of Synod, viz:		
	from Classis of Saratoga	70 29	
	Rensselaer	56	
	Albany	33 74	
	Paramus	120	
	Schenectady	14 44	
	Phila delphia	144 61	
	New York, amount apportioned by the South Classis of New York to the South Church, and by resolution of General Synod transferred to the Classis of New York for collection	200	
			639 08
	Total		$181,046
	By balance on hand brought forward		$2,614 06

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, April 30th, 1870.

The subscribers, a committee appointed to examine the accounts of JOHN I. BROWER, Treasurer, have examined the same with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance on hand of two thousand six hundred and fourteen dollars and six cents.

P. R. WARNER,
JOHN VAN NEST, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, June 2d, 1870.

Annual Digest.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows:

FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

THE VAN RENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by Jno. C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, and which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages upon property in the State of New Jersey, etc., amounted on the 1st of April, 1870, to	$20,313	57
There has been paid to students, out of the income of this Fund, during the year	2,150	25
Cash on hand April 1st, 1870	18	77

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

The amount of this Fund, which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages in the State of New Jersey, is	$2,000	
There has been paid to a student, out of the income of this Fund, during the year	75	
Balance on hand, April 1st, 1870	387	36

EDUCATION FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, and in Government bonds, &c	$75,700	
Balance of principal April 30th, 1870	568	62
Balance of interest received to April 30	1,906	39

PERMANENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund, in which is included the donation of Colonel Henry Rutgers, deceased, for the benefit of Rutgers College, invested on bonds secured by mortgages, and in Government bonds, &c	$167,200	
Residences for Professors on Seminary grounds	9,767	85
Balance of Fund not yet invested	5,951	22
	$182,919	07

House and lot corner George street and Seminary avenue, N. B...	18,000
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at	180
Amount of subscriptions to the Permanent Fund, upon which interest is received	6,400
Notes received towards the endowment of the Theological Seminary	8,500

WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, and in Government bonds, &c	$29,800
Balance of principal April 30, 1870	535 69
There has been paid to annuitants, out of the income of this Fund, during the year	1,579 13
Balance on hand April 30, 1870	933 26

PERMANENT CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund, April 30, 1870	$1,707 57
Of which this is invested	1,300

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

There has been invested for this Board, on bond secured by mortgage	$2,500
Balance of interest to April 30, 1870	47 77

HOPE COLLEGE.

There has been received toward the endowment of this Institution, in money and securities		$49,708 32
Of which there has been paid the donation by General Synod to enable the Council to obtain their charter	$30,000	
Also paid to Rev. P. Phelps, D. D., for expenses incurred in obtaining contributions towards the endowment.	1,361 39	
		31,361 39
Leaving the amount in the hands of the Treasurer		$18,346 93
Of this sum there has been invested on bonds secured by mortgages, &c		17,400
Balance of Fund not yet invested		946 93
Balance of interest on hand April 30, 1870		119 26

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

Balance of this Fund on April 30, 1870	$1,959 04
There has been paid from this Fund, during the year	900

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL FUND.

This Fund consists of fifty shares of the capital stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co., and United States 5-20 registered bonds, to the amount of	$5,200
There has been received for dividends on stock, and for interest, and paid to the Board of Education, during the year ending April 30, 1870	902 48

LEGACY OF MRS. ANN HERTZOG.

This Legacy, the interest of which is to be applied for repairs to Hertzog Hall, is invested upon bonds secured by mortgages, &c	$10,000

THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY.

There has been received towards securing a Library	$6,500
And notes in addition to the amount of	31,000

ASSETS IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER.

Bonds and mortgages, and bonds and notes, amounting to	$260,550
Government securities	39,900
Railroad bond	1,000
Two bonds of the Township of Holland, Michigan	200
Residences for Professors, amount advanced	9,767 85
Cash in bank	2,614 06
Advances for salaries, contingent expenses, and for repairs of Hertzog Hall	20,974 13
	$335,006 04

There is due the Treasurer for money loaned	$3,712 44

Certificate of fifty shares of the Capital Stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, and $5,200 United States 5-20 registered bonds belonging to the Parochial School Fund.

MINUTES OF GENERAL.

Balance from last year	$45 44	
Received for Minutes	677 25	
		722 69
Paid for Minutes, postage, &c		696 90
Balance on hand		$25 79

P. R. WARNER, *President.*
JAMES SUYDAM,
JOHN VAN NEST, } *Directors.*
M. S. HUTTON,
JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, June 2d, 1870.

Resolved, That so much of the above report and documents as relates to the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds be referred to the Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds, the Estimate of Contingent Expenses to the Committee on Accounts, the papers relating to Education to the Committee on Education, and the remainder to the Committee on the Board of Direction, with the exception of so much as relates to the increase of the Professorial Fund, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were chosen: Mr. Peter R. Warner, *President;* Rev. M. S. Hutton, Mr. John Van Nest, and James Suydam, *Directors;* and Mr. John I. Brower, *Treasurer.*

The Committee on the Board of Direction presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Board of Direction respectfully report upon the papers refered to them, viz:

Annual Report of the Board of Direction with the documents connected therewith, to wit:—Treasurer's Annual Account, Annual Digest, List of Securities belonging to General Synod, Hope College Endowment Fund, and Hope College Income Account:

Treasurer's Annual Account shows a balance due Treasurer of	$3,712.44
Cash in Bank	2,614.06
Net Deficit	$1,098.38
The full Amount of Assets in hands of Treasurer	$335,006.04

Amount of securities belonging to the General Synod in hands of Treasurer, April 30, 1870, $311,417.85. He also holds 23 shares Bergen Turnpike Stock, 10 of which belong to Rutgers College and 13 to the Permanent Fund—also Bond and Mortgage of Rev. A. C. Van Raalte of $500 held in trust, and six Bonds of the Township of Holland, Michigan, of $100 each.

He also holds for the Parochial School Fund Certificates 50 shares Delaware and Hudson Canal Co. Stock and U. S. 5-20 Registered Bonds, amounting to $5,200; besides certain Promissory notes to the amount of $8,500 for the Permanent Fund, and notes to the amount of $31,000 for the Library of the Theological Seminary.

Bequests.—The Board report the following Bequests received during the past year, viz: $500 less the Revenue tax, from the executor of Isaac D. De Graff, dec., for the Domestic Missionary Board—and from the executor of Janet Hinchman, the sum of $500 for the support of pious indigent young men preparing for the Gospel Ministry, and the like sum of $500 for the Theological Seminary, both less Revenue tax of $30.

Hope College Endowment Fund.—For this Fund there has been received during the year in cash and promissory notes, the sum of $2,819.62, and there has been paid to the Treasurer of Hope College the sum of $594.14 dollars, being the balance due at last annual report on the donation of $30,000 made by General Synod to said college.

The whole amount received toward the endowment of this Institution in money and securities, is $49,708.32, of which there has been paid the donation by General Synod of..... $30,000.00
And for expenses in securing the endowment..... 1,361.39

$31,361.39

Leaving amount in the hands of the Treasurer.....$18,346.93

Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1870, belonging to this Fund, $119.26.

The amount received on account of the assessment of $20,000 made by General Synod for the Permanent Fund in 1864, is $17,056.49. Balance still due, $2,943.51 in the following sums from the following Classes, viz:

Classis of Bergen.....	$551.11
South do. do.	1,066.00
do Greene.....	133.08
Montgomery.....	214.30
South New York.....	299.95
Paramus	177.80
Rensselaer	484.59
Schenectady.....	16.18
	$2,943.01

The amount received on this assessment the past year, is $639.08.

In the hope that a further reduction, if not the entire payment of the amount still due may thereby be secured, your committee re-

commend that the Treasurer of the Board of Direction call the attention of the several classes in default to the resolution on this subject passed by the Synod of 1869. (See Minutes page 578.)

The Board report as in arrears to the aggregate amount of $1,112, 17, for Contingent Expenses the following classes, viz:

Albany	$49.38
Geneva	17.87
North Long Island	43.50
Montgomery	26.50
Orange	116.43
Poughkeepsie	28.76
Saratoga	234.36
Westchester	59.00
Cayuga	12.50
Illinois	18.44
Monmouth	28.28
South New York	61.82
Paramus	290.17
Raritan	85.00
Schoharie	16.00
Wisconsin	24.16

In reference to which, your committee recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the several classes in arrears for Contingent Expenses, be requested to take steps to secure the prompt payment of their respective quotas, and that the delegates present from said classes be specially charged with the duty of attending thereto.

Seal of the Church.—In accordance with the request of the Board your committee offer for the action of Synod the following resolution made necessary by the alteration in the name of the Church, viz:

Resolved, That the Board of Direction be authorised and directed to cause the Seal of the Church to be so altered, as to conform to the present name of the Church.

There has been referred to this committee, a communication from the Classis of New Brunswick, making the statement, "That the Income and Expense account was not printed in the Minutes of General Synod of 1869, according to act of Synod of 1868," and also a resolution of said Classis asking attention of this Synod to the res-

ponsibility thrown upon the Board of Direction by By-law IX, adopted in 1868, viz:

"It shall be the duty of the Board to propose to the Synod from year to year, in the form of resolutions, those financial measures which they may deem necessary."

The acts referred to are found in a report from a special committee on Classical Assessments presented to Synod in 1868 (page 411.)

They were recommended by that committee and adopted by the Synod, and for the reasons given in that report, are deemed by your committee worthy the attention and faithful observance of the Board of Direction.

The Board report as having been advanced from the Permanent Fund towards the erection of the residences for the professors		$9,767.85
Advanced by the Board for Salaries and Contingent Expenses including amount reported April 30, 1869		20,974.13
Total advances to date		$30,741.98
Due Treasurer April 30, 1870	$3,712.44	
Estimated deficiency for 1870	7,000.00	
	$10,712.44	
Less Cash in Bank	2,614.06	8,098.38
Amount necessary to restore advances from Permanent Fund and meet Current Expenses for the year		$38,840.36

In connection with this subject the Board ask, that while the effort so auspiciously begun and so encouragingly prosecuted by Rev. Dr. Cornell, for the endowment of the Permanent Fund be continued, that measures be also instituted to restore to that Fund, the amount taken from it, and provide means to meet current expenses, until the Fund shall yield sufficient revenue to relieve the Church from assessments of all kinds, except for special objects. And they have indicated and recommended in their report, a plan for the accomplishment of that object which they desire this committee to present to Synod.

They say: "When it is remembered that out of a communion of more than 58,000 in this country, less than 50 individuals have within the last year contributed over $100,000 for the interest of the Church, and that the Fund will in all probability be amply endowed

by less than 400 altogether, the expectation may reasonably be indulged that the more than 50,000 remaining members, who as yet have contributed nothing towards the Fund, would be desirous of participating in the support of the Church, at least so far as to replace the deficiency, and to sustain the work of the Church until its Fund produces enough to satisfy all claims upon the revenues.

An average of one dollar from each of the 50,000, would complete the work. If the whole ministry would interest themselves with this subject, the entire sum could be placed in the hands of the Treasurer within three or four months, and the hope be indulged that the Synod, at its future meetings, would in a great measure be relieved from the consideration of pecuniary affairs."

Your committee agree with the Board in their estimate of the importance of the object at which they aim, and have no doubt that with the blessing of God, on an earnest united effort by the Ministry and Officers of the churches the object can be attained.

If Synod concurs with the Board and committee in the views thus expressed, the question then to be considered is, how to get the matter before the churches in the most effective manner. This your committee thinks may be left to the wisdom and discretion of the Board of Direction, and would therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Direction be authorised to apply to each of the churches either directly or through the classes for a subscription from each, equal in amount to one dollar per capita for their respective memberships, to meet the present wants of the Synod, and replace deficiency occasioned by past demands upon the Fund.

The committee also offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the salary of each of the Professors in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick for the current year, be the same as was paid them last year, viz: $3,000.

Resolved, That hereafter the Board of Direction be requested to present their Annual Report and accompanying papers on thefirst day of the session of Synod.

SANFORD COBB,
WM. H. KIRK,
F. J. HOSFORD,
FRED. HUGHSON.
JAMES TAYLOR, } *Committee.*

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Reports were received from Rev. J. F. Harris, Corresponding Delegate to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, ; from Rev. J. McC. Holmes, delegate to the General (Triennial) Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States; from Rev. James Demarest, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. S. J. Rogers, delegate to the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church; from Rev. J. G. Johnson, Corresponding Delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church; from Rev. J. B. Thompson, delegate to the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States; from Rev. David Cole, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on the National Evangelical Council presented their report, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. Dr. R. H. Thornton appeared in Synod, and having presented his credentials, took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the Canada Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D.D., appeared in Synod, and having presented his credentials, took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Rev. Wm. C. Wisner, D.D., appeared in Synod, and having presented his credentials, took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyteriau Church in the United States.

Rev. John Douglass, D.D., appeared in Synod, and having presented his credentials, took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America.

The subject of the opening of a correspondence with the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, (Western) was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report:

DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES.

That letters have been placed in their hands from the following brethren, who were appointed by the last General Synod as Delegates to the other ecclesiastical bodies, with which the Reformed Church in America, is in correspondence.

(1.) From the Rev. Samuel J. Rogers, stating that he attended as a Delegate the meeting of the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, at Hamilton, Canada, June 15th, 1869.

(2.) From the Rev. John B. Thompson, stating that he attended as a Delegate the annual meeting of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, which was held at Danville, Pa., in October, 1869.

(3.) From the Rev. John Mc.C. Holmes, stating that he attended the meeting of the General Synod (Trieninal), of the German Reformed Church in the United States, in Philadelphia, Pa., November 24, 1869, and was present during three days.

(4.) From the Rev. James Demarest, stating that he and his associate the Rev. David Cole, the former of whom was appointed as a Delegate to the General Assembly (N. S.) and the latter as Delegate to the General Assembly (O. S.), attended the meeting of the re-united General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, held in Philadelphia, Pa., in May, 1870, and that both Delegates addressed the re-united Assemblies on the ninth day after the opening.

(5.) From the Rev. David Cole, stating that he attended as a Delegate the meeting of the re-united General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, at Philadelphia, Pa., May, 1870.

(6.) From the Rev. J. G. Johnson, stating that he attended as Delegate the meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, held in Cincinnati, May 18th, 1870.

(7.) From the Rev. J. F. Harris, stating that he attended as Delegate the meeting of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church at Pittsburgh, Pa., May 25th, 1870. He presented his credentials on the 27th, and was heard on the 29th.

The Delegates are unanimous in reporting that they were most cordially received, and that the messages of Christian love, which they were charged to bear to the brethren of these Churches, were reciprocated in a spirit which cheered their hearts and inspired them

with devout gratitude for that holy religion which blends the hearts of all Christ's disciples into one.

DELEGATES FROM OTHER BODIES.

The Committee also report that the credentials of the following Delegates from other ecclesiastical bodies to our own, have been placed in their hands, and that these brethren have been heartily welcomed to this Synod.

1. The credentials of the Rev. John Douglass, D.D., accrediting him to this Synod as the Delegate of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, which met in Cedarville, Ohio, May, 1869.

2. The credentials of the Rev. R. H. Thornton, D.D., accrediting him to this Synod as the Delegate of the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, which held its sessions at Hamilton, Canada, from June 8th to 17th, 1869.

3. The credentials of the Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D.D., accrediting him to this Synod as the Delegate of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, which met at Danville, Pa., in October, 1869, and also as the Delegate of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, which held its sessions in Philadelphia, Pa., from November 24th to December 3, 1869.

4. The credentials of the Rev. William C. Wisner, D.D., accrediting him to this Synod as the Delegate of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, in session at Philadelphia, Pa., May 25, 1870.

5. The credentials of the Rev. John S. McCulloch, accrediting him to this Synod as the Delegate of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, convened in Pittsburgh, Pa., June 1, 1870, together with a letter from the Rev. Mr. McCulloch expressing his regret at his inability to attend the meeting of this General Synod.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY SOUTH.

In view of the fact that our Church is now extending its operations in the Southern states, which open so wide a field for evangelical labor, your committee are impressed with the propriety of inaugurating a fraternal correspondence by Delegates with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. As the churches in connection with this Synod which may there be organized must necessarily exist in close proximity and intimate relations with those in connection with that General Assembly, it

seems eminently desirable that the two denominations holding a common faith and laboring side by side for a common result, should cultivate a spirit of Christian sympathy and brotherly love. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Delegate be appointed by this General Synod to attend the next meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and to bear to that reverend body the cordial salutations of this Synod, together with the expression of its desire to enter into a fraternal correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE WESTERN GERMAN REFORMED SYNOD.

With regard to the proposition referred to this committee to invite fraternal correspondence by Delegates with the Western Synod of the German Reformed Church, the committee recommend that such correspondence be invited, and to that end that the Delegates already elected be considered as appointed to attend the Western Synod, and that others be appointed to attend the Eastern Synod in their stead.

NATIONAL EVANGELICAL COUNCIL.

There has also been put into the hands of your committee a communication from the Rev. Thomas De Witt, in reference to the National Council of Evangelical Churches, which met in New York City on October 20, 1869. It will be seen on referring to the last General Synod, that that body in June, 1869, appointed a committee of three Ministers and two Elders to attend that Council as a delegation from the Reformed Church in America. The Chairman of that committee, the Rev. James M. Matthews, having departed this life shortly after the adjournment of the Council, it became the duty of the author of this communication, the Rev. Thomas De Witt, the next member of the committee, to lay before this General Synod a report of the results at which the Council arrived. In view of the happy influence which it is believed the annual meeting of such a Council must exert in promoting Christian love and confidence, and in leading to combined and harmonious efforts to spread the gospel at home and abroad, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Delegation appointed by the last General Synod to attend the National Council of Ecclesiastical Churches be re-

appointed, with the addition of a member to fill the vacancy occasioned by the decease of the late Rev. James M. Mathews.

Resolved, That the Delegation consist of the Revs. Thomas De Witt, Mancius S. Hutton, Elbert S. Porter, and the Elders Erastus C. Benedict and William H. Crosby.

Resolved, That the Delegates of the Synod to corresponding bodies, be instructed not to express their own views on the sentiment of this Synod on the subject of union with other ecclesiastical bodies.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. TODD,
Chairman.

Rev. John A. Todd was appointed Commissioner, Primarius, and Rev. William J. R. Taylor, Secundus, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, (South.)

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of nominations, the Synod proceeded to ballot for delegates to the bodies with which the Synod is in correspondence.

The following were elected:

Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor was elected delegate, Primarius, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and the Rev. Joseph Kimball, Secundus.

Rev. Edward P. Livingston was elected delegate, Primarius; to the Synod (Western) of the Reformed Church of the United States, and Rev. Thomas G. Watson, Secundus.

Rev. Oliver E. Cobb was elected delegate, Primarius, to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in North America, and Rev. Samuel W. Mills, Secundus.

Rev. Francis N. Zabriskie was elected delegate, Primarius, to the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, and Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, Secundus.

Rev. John Minor was elected delegate, Primarius, to the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and Rev. J. Halsted Carroll, Secundus.

Rev. John C. F. Hoes was elected delegate, Primarius, and Rev. Hervey D. Ganse, Secundus, to the Synod (Eastern) of the Reformed Church of the United States.

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORT.

The Committee on the State of Religion presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee are called to answer the question which underlies all others that can possibly engage the Synod's attention, viz "What is the State of Religion among us?" It is not the things that need to be done for Christ, nor the ways and means of doing them, which constitutes the vital consideration for a member of the body of Christ, but the measure of Christ's own life which animates and invigorates it.

So far as your Committee can form a judgment from the statements and statistics laid before them, they find the past year to have been one of average spiritual health and ecclesiastical prosperity. There has been nothing to specially retard or accelerate our growth or impair our harmony. Our ministers have quietly pursued their sacred calling, with more or less fidelity, holding up the Cross of Jesus, and teaching men to bear their own, feeding the lambs as well as the sheep, rebuking sin and remaining instant in prayer. The Churches present a varied scene, as when the sunlight brightens here and there a field, while the remainder of the landscape is in shadow. About one out of ten report a marked or unusual religious interest. We specify the following facts:

Since the last annual report there has been an increase of one Particular Synod, one Classis, thirteen churches, twenty ministers, eight hundred and forty-six families, and two thousand six hundred and forty-eight communicants. There have been four hundred and thirty more received on confession of their faith, and one hundred and sixty-four less infant baptisms than last year. There has been an increase of $25,111 in the benevolent contributions, and $79,404 for congregational purposes.

INFANT BAPTISM.

The diminution in the number of infant baptisms, as also their small proportion to the number of families composing our denomination, impels your Committee not only to re-affirm the Divine and tender claims of this ordinance, but to ask our pastors and elders whether they so follow up the introduction of the little ones into the

Church by personal oversight and teaching as to raise the rite into more than a barren form, and to impress upon the subjects of it, as they come to years of discretion, that they are the children of the Church, of the covenant and of Christ, and not of the world and of the devil.

Were this earnestly and lovingly done, we cannot think that our churches would have received an average of less than eight during the whole year on confession of faith, but are confident that, as in some of our Churches, the children would have recognized with unanimity and in earliest youth the vows of God which were upon them, and accepted the discipleship into which they had already been introduced.

UNEMPLOYED MINISTERS.

We find on our records 109 ministers who are designated as "without charge." This number, among a total of 496, would be startling, were it to go forth to the world without analysis or explanation, and we are aware that such figures have often been quoted as a reproach to the ministry, and an ominous sign of the times. On a closer inspection, however, we are able to discover less than thirty who may not be included under one or other of the three following classes, viz: those who are disabled by age or infirmity, those who are employed in occupations consonant with their profession, or those who are only temporarily without a pastoral charge, and are seeking another. Whether, of the remainder, the Churches would in all cases gain by being put under their "charge" may well be questioned, when we bear in mind the good-natured laxity with which many young men are allowed to pass into the ministry, the responsibility being thrown off upon each other by the Theological Faculty, the Board of Superintendents, and the Classes.

VACANT CHURCHES.

There are, on the other hand, eighty-five vacant Churches, a much larger number than we could at present supply from the ranks of our own ministry. It is evident that those ranks need to be largely recruited, if we are to meet the growing wants of the Church itself, not to speak of the world field which would still remain to be occupied, and there is need of the flower of our youth.

Among the causes which deter, or at least fail to encourage our young men to enter the ministry, are not only the meagre support

accorded to those in active service, but perhaps quite as much the almost utter lack of adequate and delicate provision for those who, after years of ill-paid labor, find themselves disabled, or for the widows and orphans of those who die. No Church has a right to lay this stumbling-block before the feet of those whom she calls to publish salvation, nor can hope for God's blessing while she does this unto the least of His servants.

NECROLOGY OF THE YEAR.

The blessed dead of the year, who rest from their labors, are specially noteworthy as representative men. They are as follows: Drs. Matthews, Hardenberg, and Van Liew, who were gathered to their fathers in a ripe old age; Prof. Oggel, whose name will always be identified with the early history of Hope College; Rev. H. Woltman, also of the Holland portion of our Church; the faithful and beloved Ezra W. Collier, stricken down in his early prime; and the Rev. George White, of the Classis of Saratoga.

CHURCH UNION.

The past year has been signalized in the history of our Church by the Convention which assembled in the City of New York, in September last, in response to the invitation of our own Synod, comprising delegates from nearly all branches of the Evangelical Church of our country, for the purpose of bringing these various denominations into closer sympathy and a clearer understanding. The excellent spirit and work of this Convention has been reported elsewhere. Your Committee desire now only to congratulate the Reformed Church on the noble attitude which she has assumed and maintained upon the most important and pressing of all the subjects which are at present inspiring the Church universal, and to express their hope that she may grow in this grace of unity, and be always ready, whenever her sister churches are ready, and the Providence of God shall indicate, for a oneness which shall need no apology and be capable of no misconstruction. On whatever day our Lord shall come, let there be no blush upon our cheek as we contemplate the pitiable divisions of his seamless robe.

TEMPERANCE.

The insidious growth of social and occasional drinking, calls for a reiterated recommendation by the Church of the principle of total

abstinence as alone consistent with the prayer, "Lead me not into temptation," and with the apostle's maxim, "It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." We submit the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That we urge upon our ministers, both by precept and example, to inculcate habits of abstinence from intoxicating beverages, and to deal faithfully with the consciences of those who are engaged in the liquor traffic."

INFIDELITY.

The success of modern science in clearing up mysteries, and tracing all the phenomena of nature to the reign of Law, has so far intoxicated a certain class of minds as to embolden them to intrude their processes of investigation, unwarrantably, into the realm of the supernatural, and to ignore the facts of spiritual consciousness and the prerogatives of faith. As a consequence, rationalizing methods of thought in respect to the substance of Revelation have, through the medium of press and platform, been so rapidly introduced among the people as should alarm and arouse their spiritual teachers. We urge, therefore, upon those preachers and teachers, who are conscious of having heretofore neglected to inform themselves of the exact features of recent skepticism, and to prepare for its correction, to so arm themselves for the gathering conflict, that not only they shall stand themselves in the evil day, but shall be qualified to strengthen the weak-hearted and refute the gainsayers; also, that it be respectfully commended to the attention of our Theological Professors, to devote special attention in their training of students for the ministry to the phases of modern infidelity.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

There has been laid before us a communication from the Congretional Conference of Ohio, transmitting their action upon the question of Sabbath observance, with special reference to the duties of Railway companies, and requesting a response from this Synod. Your Committee would report the following resolution:

Resolved, That we re-affirm with a hearty and earnest belief the Divine institution of the Christian Sabbath as a day of rest from secular employment and worldly amusements. And we claim the protection of the civil law from the practices of those who, by the sale of liquor or the prosecution of any traffic or the conversion of

the day into one of noisy, out-door festivity or celebration, disturb the peace and quiet of the worshipers of God.

Resolved, That while we do not insist upon the cessation of all facilities of communication between distant places on the Sabbath, and while we do not necessarily hold Railway companies responsible for the desecration of the day by those who abuse such facilities, we do insist that they shall reduce those opportunities of travel to the utmost limit consistent with the prosecution of works of necessity and mercy.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM.

An overture has been laid before your Committee from the Classis of New Brunswick, asking for "An interpretation of the Article of the Constitution referring to the preaching on the Heidelberg Catechism."

The Article in question is Art. 2, Sec. 13, and reads as follows: "Since it is deemed of the highest importance that there should be regular instruction on the great articles of the Christian faith, in order to preserve the truth and promote the prosperity of the Church, every minister shall, in the ordinary morning or afternoon service on the Lord's Day, explain the system of the Christian doctrine comprehended in the Heidelberg Catechism adopted by the Reformed Churches, so that, if practicable, the explanation may be nominally completed, but shall never extend beyond the term of four years."

Your Committee find four things unquestionably and imperatively required in the above. *First*, that the doctrines of the Church as *specifically* taught by the Heidelberg Catechism must be *explained*, that is to say, made clear to the understandings of the people as consonant with the Word of God, and having a practical bearing upon their hearts and lives. Whether this shall be a lengthy or a brief explanation; whether it shall take the place of the sermon or only constitute an additional feature of the service; whether it shall be a minute examination of the language of the Lord's Day, or simply an elucidation of the doctrine contained therein; whether it shall invariably be in the exact order of the questions, or adjusted to the times and seasons and to the spiritual circumstances of the Church, your Committee do not find in the Constitution any express provision, and believe that these points have been wisely left, and should still be left, to the judgment and conscience of the individual pastor.

Secondly—These doctrines must be explained as a *system*, that is

to say, not disconnectedly, but in their relations to one another, and to the fundamental truth of justification by faith in the atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thirdly—This explanation shall be made during the regular morning or afternoon service of the Lord's Day.

Fourthly—The entire system of truth shall be explained within the period of four years.

Your Committee deem the above requirements unquestionably obligatory upon every pastor of our Church who would be faithful to his ordination vows. All other questions of method they prefer to leave to the conscientious judgment of the individual. The following resolution is offered:

Resolved, That the above interpretation of Article 2, Sec. 13, be respectfully recommended to the Classes for their guidance.

From this review of the condition of our Church, we find much to be thankful for to God, and much to cheer us onward. But we do not dare to bring it into the light of God's uncompromising requirements without a humble and penitent prayer for the Divine mercy and forbearance for the sake of Jesus Christ His Son. We see much of conformity to the world in the lives of individuals and the management of churches, whereby the Church is shorn of its rightful power. We see little of that absorbing love of Jesus which leads the soul of the disciple to give up all and to abnegate self for His sake. We see little of that united and universal enthusiasm for Christ, which could, by the consecrated resources of God's people, equip and send an army of Evangelists into the destitute parts of the world and preach the Gospel to every creature in a single generation. Your Committee offer, in conclusion, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the first Friday in November next be set apart as a day of special self-examination among the Christians of our Church, and of public and private confession, and prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; and that it be the duty of the Stated Clerk of Synod to give timely notice of the same in the *Christian Intelligencer* and the *Sower*.

F. N. ZABRISKIE, *Chairman*,
ISAAC RILEY,
J. K. ALLEN,
MATTHEW WINNE,
L. H. VAN DEUSEN.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
First Albany	R. W. Clark	295	17	4	10	...	2	746	14	8	400	400	600	$11,495 28	$11,686	Albany, N. Y.
Second Albany	J. Ehmendorf	140	11	8	5	...	8	250	15	5	60	400	250	6,144 90	8,500	Albany.
Third Albany	J. Searle, (s. c.)	112	19	6	3	1	2	179	25	5	200	170	315	374	4,900	Albany.
Fourth Albany	J. F. Neef	65	16	1	15	...	...	147	13	....	20	60	115	94 50	2,700	Albany.
Holland, Albany	Vacant	30	31	...	.	.	.	70	5	....	....	.	....	38 81	255 71	Albany.
Second Berne	Wm. H. Ballagh	60	26	1	2	2	1	101	8	5	25	30	50	58 26	913	Knox, Albany Co.
First Bethlehem	H. M. Voorhees	152	7	5	3	...	3	288	10		60	90	195	495	4,795	Bethlehem Centre
Second Bethlehem	J. Lansing Pearse	85	19	2	1	...	5	181	7	6	20	100	75	300	1,450	Adams' Station.
Clarksville	A. Westveer	37	...	...	...	...	1	51	..	....	67	25	40	190	451 06	Union Church.
Coeymans	Vacant	70	1	...	4	.	5	106	....		30	50	48	117	650	Coeymans.
Jerusalem	A. C. Millspaugh	80	1	...	3	...	2	95	5	...	40	20	....	148	1,054	Feurabush.
Knox	Wm. H. Ballagh	29	3	...	1	...	2	41	1	3	15	20	20	180 42	440	Knox, Albany Co.
New Baltimore	R. G. Strong	79	2	...	...	...	4	113	1		80	95	110	425	2,000	New Baltimore.
New Salem	J. H. Kershow	85	2	1	1	...	3	175	8	2	10	100	65	59 12	999 21	New Salem.
Onisquethaw	A. C. Millspaugh	50	1	...	..	...	1	88	5	1	26	....	60	40	380	Jerusalem.
Union	A. Westveer	48	1	...	...	...	3	43	1	....	52	14	30	70	1,527 56	Union Church.
Westerlo	Vacant	50	8	1	.	...	1	87	1	8	....	....	....	163	540	Westerlo.
	Total	1467	165	29	48	3	43	2755	119	43	1105	1584	1873	$20,234 29	$43,191 54	

Ministers without Charge.—A Dickson, Lansingburgh; H. Slauson, Whitehall; J. Van Vechten, D.D. Auburn; J. P. Pepper, Brooklyn; S. Van Santvoord, New Baltimore; L. H. Bahler.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes (R. A. P.)	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes (R. A. P.)	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Arcot, includ'g Manimuttu.	John Scudder.	38	6	10	11	...	...	44	11	21	57	All the Congregations.	....	723 1 9	.....	Arcot, Madras Pres'y, India.
Out-stations	"	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32		....			
Arnee	Joseph Mayou	18	25	8	...	2	3	94	59	46	9		....	306 8 0		
Allimdal	"	18	..	...	...	...	...	19	...	...	20			25 4 3		
Modaiyur	"	8	...	..	2	1	...	15	2	...	1		....	7 3 10		
Vellambi	"	11	4	3	...	2	...	25	3	4	4		..	1 12 0		
Out-stations	"	104	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	118		...	66 13 11		
Chittoor	J. W. Scudder	40	6	4	8	...	2	59	6	1	9		...	575 5 3	62 7 0	Chittoor, Madras Pres'y, India.
Out-stations	" "	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52					
Coonoor	Zechariah John	52	2	12	22	...	1	68	9	3	10		...	98 8 4	149 4 0	Coonoor, Madras Pres'y, India.
Out-station	" "	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		....	4 0 9		
Gnanodayam with Aranadu	Andrew Sawyer	23	6	2	4	...	1	61	7	1	..		.	32 15 0	.....	Arnee, Madras Pres'y, India.
Sattambadi	" "	9	1	2	...	...	...	38	4	...	....		....	12 2 8		
Out-stations	" "	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		....	4 14 0		
Mudnapilly	J. Chamberlain	20	1	4	3	...	...	15	3	2	16		....	370 8 0	.....	Mudnapilly, Madras Pres'y, Ind.
Palaman'r with Arunodaya	"	15	5	2	4	4	...	17	3	....	9		....	36 0 0		
Vellore	W. W. Scudder	70	...	10	20	...	2	35	13	1	29		....	421 8 9	.....	Vellore, Madras Pres'y, India.
Kattupadi	" "	15	...	4	2	...	...	15	3	..	21		...	10 4 0		
Kandiputtur	" "	11	...	2	4	.	2	18	3	....	14		..	12 3 5		
Sekadu	" "	11	12	8	...	...	...	20	17	12	5		...	12 1 2		
Out-stations	" "	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		49		...	.....		
	Total	525	68	71	80	9	11	568	148	91	455		...	2,716 81	211 11 0	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. S. D. Scudder, Medical Missionary. Rev. Joseph Scudder, in America. Rev. E. C. Scudder, in America. Rev. S. Ettirajooloo, Arcot Seminary. *Candidates*,—Israel and Yesadian. * The Missionaries' contributions are included in the column "For Religious and Benevolent Purposes."

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
English Neighborhood. ...	A. B. Taylor	88	1	...	9	...	...	45	.	...	55	55	55	$ 175	$1600	English Neighborhood, N. J.
First Hackensack	T. B. Romeyn..... ...	200	13	16	11	.	5	218	12	...	....		300	1518	5840	Hackensack, Bergen Co., "
Schraalenbergh	W. R. Gordon.....	166	5	...	20	1	...	218	6	...		....	200	175	...	Schraalenb'gh, Bergen Co., "
New Durham	W. V. V. Mabon ...	90	19	5	*25	...	2	114	29	7	160	....	350	449	2020	New Durham, Huds'n Co., "
First Hoboken	Vacant	80	...	2	18	...	. .	82	3	...	100	100	200	99	1625	Hoboken, "
Third Jersey City	J. H. Suydam.	160	7	86	17	1	5	..	8	1	300	340	350	967 50	5109 42	Jersey City, "
German, North Bergen....	J. Justin.....	48	1	.	. .	1	2	72	17	...	24	68	200	40	1255	Town of Union, "
Second Hackensack ...	G. H. Fisher (s. c.)..	90	8	18	2	...	. .	118	5	2	70	6	110	.. ...	... .	Hackensack, Bergen Co., "
German, Hoboken	L. Mohn....	60	21	...	2	.	...	150	65	...	48	....	200	58	8570	Hoboken, "
German, Hackensack.....	Vacant.....	25	...	6	..	...	...	....	14	...	..	. .	70	18	... .	Hackensack, "
Closter City.....	P. V. Van Buskirk.. .	60	15	5	8	...	.	50	2	1	75	18	100	90 84	1226 11	Closter, "
Palisades.....	I. M. See, Missionary .	50	9	4	8	...	.	49	8	...	....	75	125	.. ....	.. ..	Fort Lee "
	Total	1007	94	87	108	8	14	1056	164	11	882	657	2260	$3,585 34	$22,245 53	

Ministers without Charge.—A. H. Warner, Hackensack, N. J. C. Wiley, Hackensack, N. J. R. D. Van Kleeck, Jersey City, N. J. J. K. Ballagh, Kanagawa, Japan .*Candidates under care of Classis.*—T. O. Keatinge.

* To form Church of Guttenburgh.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Bergen	B. C. Taylor	220	7	6	†29	...	6	289	20	...	286	286	270	$2,384 33	$2 892 38	Hudson City, N. J.
Belleville	W. W. Halloway, Jr.	115	7	1	10	...	3	150	7	3	120	140	186	526 32	2.164 09	Belleville, "
First Jersey City	Vacant	100	2	2	21	...	2	154	1	...	83	123	123	2.428 92	4.965 29	Jersey City, "
Bergen Neck	T. W. Wells	70	7	12	2	...	1	*104	13	3	113	147	144	128 44	3.494 51	Bayonne, "
First Newark	E. P. Terhune	310	4	7	18	...	2	424	16	4	225	175	400	6,177 76	12.660	Newark, "
Irvington	H. Veshlage, Jr	108	2	9	4	...	...	146	2	2	75	98	90	270	1.700	Irvington, "
First Van Vorst	P. D. Van Cleef	140	5	11	18	1	4	255	11	1	165	165	180	1,880 05	5,350 22	Jersey City, "
Second Newark	Cornelius Brett	90	11	4	‡29	...	5	*170	9	3	170	170	160	776 67	6.898 17	Newark, "
Bergen Point	H. W. F. Jones	75	5	2	4	.	5	116	13	1	125	125	165	970	4,050	Bergen Point, "
Franklin	A. M. Quick	90	6	6	1	...	2	95	3	3	140	140	100	186	1.510	Franklin, "
North Newark	C. E. Hart	205	25	19	24	...	3	360	8	2	400	400	500	8,805 85	6.563 45	Newark, "
Second Hudson City	C. Doeppenschmidt	50	15	3	14	...	...	137	24	...	32	22	202	86 71	659 29	Hudson City, "
Lafayette	Wm. R. Duryee, (s. c.)	95	10	12	5	1	1	109	10	3	60	165	165	485 69	4,515 20	Jersey City, "
West Newark	John Wentsch	35	13	...	11	4	4	88	36	...	12	36	100	11 72	949 66	Newark, "
Clinton Avenue, Newark	Wm. J. R. Taylor	100	9	37	...	...	3	133	10	2	180	180	260	957 73	27.230 59	Newark, "
East Newark	Isaac P. Brokaw	27	5	28	...	...	...	33	1	2	47	10	132	96	590	Newark, "
West End	Alex. Shaw, Missionary	25	3	29	..	...	...	32	5	2	....	200	120	.....	802 15	Jersey City, "
	Total	1650	160	195	190	6	41	2195	189	31	2233	2582	3247	$26,122 10	$86,265	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. G. Abeel, Newark, N. J. Rev. James M. Bruen, Irvington, N. J. Rev. M. B. Riddle, Rev. L. H. Van Dyke, Bayonne, N. J. Rev. B. V. Collins, Passaic, N. J.

*Revised list. †Twenty to form the Church of West End. ‡Twenty-two to form East Reformed Church.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Canastota	Vacant	36						50	1		55	55	55	$41 61	$750	Canastota, N. Y.
Chittenango	J. Henry Enders*	85	11	1	4		4	61	1	4	160	160	160	175	1,887 17	Chittenango.
Cicero	Vacant	25						30			55	55	55	5		Cicero.
Lysander	John F. Shaw	69	1		1		1	84			55	55	70	2	452	Lysander.
Naumburgh	John Boehrer†	25					1	60	4		16	16	30	16 30	110	Naumburgh.
New Hremen	Vacant															"
Owasco	A. P. Peeke	150	60	1	16		6	178	2	37	144	144	91	155 06	1,904	Owasco.
Owasco Outlet	Henry S. Huntington*	50	7	3	2		2	71	2	5	40	40	35	368 92	576 34	Auburn.
Syracuse	M. Luther Berger, (s. c.)	114	34	22	10		2	184	5	10	205	205	145	2,299 78	3,994 30	Syracuse.
Thousand Isles	George Rockwell‡	75	2		1			25	1		25	25	60	32	200	Alexandria Bay.
Utica	A. G. Vermilye		5	9			1		3	1	35	35	200	18,000	5,252 81	Utica.
West Leyden	F. E. Schlieder	38	8		2		3	59	15		10	10	34	22 50	361 96	West Leyden.
	Total	667	128	36	36		20	802	34	57	800	800	865	$21,118 17	$15,938 58	

Ministers without Charge.—William A. Wurts, Vernon, N. Y. S. R. Brown and G. Y. Verbeck, Nagasaki, Japan. Foreign Missionaries.

* Stated supply. † Pastor elect. ‡ Missionary.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Ithaca	Thomas C. Strong	165	8	7	8	...	4	181	1	1	130	75	130	$709 38	$3,550	Ithaca, N.Y
Geneva	Samuel J. Rogers	91	1	4	3	4	4	171	7	.	60	80	80	629 64	2,041 29	Geneva.
Farmer Village	Vacant	110	6	4	2	...	2	160	...	4	....	..	180	170 71	1,228	Farmer Village.
Lodi	Vacant	135	8	...	8	...	6	186	3	4	....	97	175	146 31	1,065 27	Lodi.
Arcadia	Vacant*	23	...	..	...	...	...	....	...	..	....	....	...	.....	.....	East Newark.
Tyre	Vacant	40	...	...	...	...	...	70	...	...	....	....	....	16 75	168	Magee's Corners.
Caroline	Vacant*	45	...	..	..	...	...	88	...	..	....	20	..	.....	... .	Slaterville.
Wolcott	James L. Southard	40	2	2	1	...	1	72	2	2	....	20	60	80 60	524	Fair Haven.
Buffalo	Vacant	29	2	5	...	...	...	40	6	...	40	10	35	20	300	Buffalo.
Rochester	P. B. Bahler	156	5	8	6	...	7	231	31	...	115	60	....	438 70	2,348 17	Rochester.
Clymer Village*	Vacant	30	9	20	...	...	...	88	...	...	15	30	..	.....	165	Clymer Village.
Mina Corners†	Vacant	28	5	...	4	...	...	51	4	...	19	28	42	47 40	.....	Mina Corners.
Cato	Minor Swick	70	6	2	2	...	1	74	2	3	....	50	40	.....	....	Cato.
Athens, Pa	Vacant	52	...	...	...	...	...	87	...	...	....	....	...	.....	.....	Athens, Pa.
Cleveland	J. W. Warnshuis	64	18	9	2	5	1	126	12	...	22	30	90	341 65	1,658 10	Cleveland, O.
Dunkirk	Vacant	9	1	...	2	1	...	21	3	...	....	....	...	26 10	64 83	Dunkirk.
Clymer	G. J. Renakers	65	42	2	21	...	2	159	12	...	78	60	50	108	991	Clymer.
Pultneyville	A. B. Veenhuisen	50	1	4	...	...	...	100	15	...	8	20	....	100	350	Pultneyville.
East Williamson	Vacant	80	2	6	...	...	...	154	18	...	12	30	....	117	400	East Williamson.
	Total	1287	112	48	49	10	28	1856	85	14	499	605	882	$2,757 17	$14,819 66	

Ministers without Charge.—J. Whitbeck, (s. c.) Ithaca, N. Y.; A. M. Mann, D.D.,* Farmer Village, N. Y.; J. R. Van Arsdale, Magee's Corners, N. Y.; R. W Knight, Emeritus, Pultneyville, N. Y.

* Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Fremont Centre	M. Kiekintveld, (s. c.)	15	3	4				21	1		18				$75	Fremont Cen., Newago Co. M.
Grand Haven	J. B. De Beer	180	18	12	17	3	1	195	57	1	210			$719 19	2,672 08	Grand Haven, Michigan.
Grand Rapids	C. Vander Meulen	280	36	61	14	4	30	262	46	4			350	1,213 62	4,651 95	Grand Rapids, "
Grandville	Vacant	50	10	4	1	1		50	14	1	64			228	328	Grandville, "
Kalamazoo	A. Kriekard	125	45	5			2	245	42	1	145		140	1,747 80	2,542 71	Kalamazoo, "
Muskegon	W. A. Houbolt.	128	24	7	2		1	100	42	1	110		70	281 38	1,598 61	Muskegon, "
Polkton	A. Buursma	58	16	9		2	1	80	15	1	58		50	289	442	Eastmanville, "
Spring Lake	Vacant	30		7				20			14				1,360	Spring Lake, "
	Total	871	152	109	34	10	35	973	217	9	614		610	$3,328 99	$13,692 35	

CLASSIS OF GREENE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
First Athens	Alan D. Campbell	78	5	1	...	...	3	98	6	1		14	88	$139 07	$1,269 34	Athens, N. Y.
Second Athens*	Vacant	80	...	...	...	...	...	87	...	...				...	75	"
Catskill	Francis A. Horton (s. c.)	200	6	8	7	...	9	366	8	3			300	650 07	2,799 96	Catskill.
First Coxsackie	S. P. M. Hastings	115	1	3	1	...	6	180	1	1	80	100	100	292 86	1,565	Coxsackie.
Second Coxsackie	Anson F. Munn	120	8	4	4	...	3	†148	2	1	80	80	100	581 13	2,296	"
Kiskatom	Wm. G. E. See	90	3	1		...	7	159	1	...			70	117	1,000	Catskill.
Leeds	Benj. Van Zandt	100	1	2	1	...	1	111	2	...	80	50	150	131 97	1,385	Leeds.
Moresville and S. Gilboa	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Moresville.
Prattsville	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Prattsville.
Roxbury	J. K. Rhinehart	75	5	1	...	...	3	78	1	2	30	40	50	154 50	3,455	Roxbury, Del. Co.
	Total	808	29	20	13	...	32	1177	21	8	200	284	858	$1,946 60	$13,845 30	

Ministers without Charge.—J. A. Lansing, Corresponding Secretary Board of Publication, 34 Vesey street, New York; M. Lusk, Coxsackie; William Johns, Spartansburgh, Pa.

* Last year's report. † Revised list.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Amelia, Virginia	Vacant	13	...	...	...	...	...	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Amelia C. H., Virginia.
Beaverdam	"	14	3	29	...	...	...	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Beaverdam, Zeeland P. O. Mich.
Chula, Va	"	12	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Chula, Amelia Co., Va.
Drenthe	W. Moerdyk	48	3	2	7	...	1	89	13	...	94	...	...	$178 95	$768 05	Vriesland, Ottawa Co., Mich.
Ebenezer	A. C. Kuyper	54	9	1	2	...	...	83	14	...	67	40	45	251 52	1,088 35	Holland, Ottawa Co., Mich.
Fynaart	Vacant	15	...	4	...	...	...	26	4	...	16	...	...	...	...	Graafschap, Allegan Co., Mich.
Graafschap	"	38	4	...	1	...	2	82	8	...	60	...	50	72	612	" " "
First Holland	R. Pieters	112	30	6	11	...	5	230	30	...	190	...	188	1,324 42	3,360	Holland, Ottawa Co., Mich.
Third Holland	Jac. Vander Meulen	105	24	5	9	...	3	164	58	...	60	...	160	1,040	1,850	" " "
Jamestown	Vacant	16	3	20	...	...	2	28	6	...	30	...	...	...	...	Jamestown, Zeeland P. O., Mich.
Mattoax, Va	"	17	...	...	...	...	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mattoax, Amelia C. H., Va.
North Holland	"	30	2	...	2	...	2	74	17	...	60	...	...	165	1,100	Holland, Ottawa Co., Mich.
Overyssel	G. J. Nykerk	145	11	18	12	...	5	306	34	...	170	...	...	423 25	1,300	Overyssel, Allegan Co., Mich.
Saugatuck	D. Broek	40	2	...	4	...	2	26	8	...	...	...	36	230	160	Saugatuck, " "
Vriesland	H. Ulterwyk	102	11	2	4	1	...	143	10	...	170	...	156	403 04	1,215 81	Vriesland, Ottawa Co.,
Zeeland	S. Bolks	152	24	16	22	2	2	306	42	1	197	...	...	954 28	1,508	Zeeland, " "
	Total	968	126	103	74	3	24	1576	244	1	1114	40	635	$5,157 46	$12,847 21	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, D.D., Missionary of the Classes of Holland, Wisconsin and Grand River for the Emigration Field; Rev. Philip Phelps, D.D., Principal of Hope College; Rev. T. Romeyn Beck, Professor in Hope College; Rev. E. C. Oggel, (s. c.) Editor of *De Hope*, and Treasurer of Hope College, Holland, Ottawa County, Michigan,

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Hudson	John McC. Holmes	180	16	18	3	2	2	368	6	8	240	225	325	$3,830 54	$5,159 90	Hudson. N. Y.
First Claverack	F. N. Zabriskie	140	4	...	6	.	7	175	2	2	150	125	200	1,120	3,500	Claverack, "
Second Claverack	A. J. Sebring	170	1	...	3	...	4	188	3	...	100	60	190	568 52	4,000	Mellenville, "
Linlithgow	T. S. Dusenberre	150	8	...	4	...	4	207	5	..	25	56	165	450	1,719 52	Livingston, "
Greenport	John S. Himrod	95	34	...	2	..	1	170	8	11	....	40	80	100	3,588	Hudson, "
Germantown	G. D. W. Bodine	90	15	1	4	...	2	159	12	...	....	50	60	185	775	Germantown, "
Upper Red Hook	J. G. Johnson (s. c.)	70	3	5	...	...	3	99	3	1	..	25	80	158	760	Upper Red Hook, "
Greenbush	Vacant	65	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	...	20	20	50	.....	.....	Pine Plains, "
Taghkanic	Vacant	50	5	...	...	...	3	129	4	4	...	....	100	92	700	Copake, "
	Total	1010	81	24	22	2	26	1545	43	26	535	601	1940	$4,435 54	$16,085 42	

Ministers without Charge,—Rev. Edwin Holmes, Rev. H. R. Schermerhorn, and Rev. A. Mattice, Hudson. Rev. R. M. Whitbeck, Livingston. Rev. D. A. Jones Claverack.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Fair View	J. S. Joralmon, (s. c.)	115	5	2	7	...	2	205	14	4	90	80	180	$154 55	$2,069 50	Fair View, Fulton Co., Ill.
Pekin	U. D. Gulick.	67	2	2	7	...	1	112	...	..	50	50	165	65	1,625 50	Pekin, Tazewell Co., Ill
Spring Lake	A. V. Gulick	32	1	...	1	...	3	54	...	...	24	60	64	32 60	500	Manito, " "
Raritan	S. G. Bumstead	45	4	2	..	...	..	137	3	...	30	45	80	120	800	Raritan, Henderson Co., Ill.
Bushnell	Vacant	70	2	2	2	...	...	101	4	..	50	30	95	201 45	1,300	Bushnell, McDonough Co., Ill.
Davenport	G. H. Peeke	50	4	1	7	...	3	64	0	3	..	....	75	140 65	1,477 31	Davenport, Iowa.
Second Pella	A. Thompson	45	11	4	5	...	...	64	5	...	...	25	250	175	750	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Havana	H E. Decker, S. S	24	2	12	...	...	.	28	...	2	30	25	35	.....	515 75	Havana, Mason Co., Ill.
First Pella	E. Winter	219	23	2	7	...	5	278	56	2	165	....	150	1,095 10	5,789 45	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Bethel	P. De Pree	62	5	1	...	...	...	47	17	...	37	15	90	77 65	641 50	" " "
Leyden Centre	H. H. Johnston, S. S	*40	...	...	...	...	...	31	...	...	...	....	45	...	.....	Jefferson, Cook Co., Iowa.
Third Pella	..	30	6	16	...	...	1	50	6	...	67	60	....	16	200	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Am. Reformed, Chicago	J. Demarest, Jr	50	8	18	4	..	1	77	4	2	100	150	90	690 65	3,682 65	Chicago, Ill.
Fourth Pella	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	47	...	...	...	....	....	.....	.....	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
	Total	858	63	62	40	...	16	1290	119	13	643	540	1319	$2,768 65	$19,521 66	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A. D. Wilson, Fair View, Fulton Co., Ill. Rev. J. F. Morris, Bushnell, McDonough Co., Ill. Rev. C. D. Eltinge, Oquawka, Ill. Rev. N. D. Williamson, Missionary, Norris, Fulton Co., Ill. Rev. A. G. Lansing, Missionary, Pella, Iowa. Rev. J. A. De Vos, Licentiate, Pella, Iowa. Rev. E. P. Livingston, Superintendent of Western Missions, Bushnell, Ill.

* Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Bloomingdale	Augustus Blauvelt	56	5	1	2	...	1	84	9	...	...	...	80	...	...	Creek Locks, Ulster Co., N.Y.
The Clove	A. H. Van Aredale	200	6	2	4	...	4	189	9	3	150	75	150	$324 68	$82 49	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	Paul T. Deyo	75	34	2	3	.	1	120	7	14		34	160	75 65	571	Rifton Glen, "
Guilford	Richard DeWitt	83	6	3	6	...	3	80	...	2	25	15	180	195	1,100 60	Tuthill, "
Hurley	J. F. Harris	60	...	3	5	1	2	117	4	...	50	40	70	330	651 24	Hurley, "
N. Church, Marbletown	"	70	5	...	...	...	...	108	3	1	40	35	60	161 43	751 52	" "
Second Church, Kingston	Chas. H. Stitt	150	28	16	11	...	4	320	13	4	45	145	170	1,081 19	13,000	Kingston, "
Marbletown	Wm. W. Brush	172	17	6	1	..	9	290	24	5	...	60	80	375 70	1,829	Stone Ridge, "
New Paltz	Philip Peltz (s. c.)	281	16	12	10	...	8	401	20	7	131	139	281	1,605 09	2,405 66	New Paltz, "
Rochester	Vacant	110	1	2	4	...	...	140	...	1	75	75	150	314 52	1,268	Accord, "
Rosendale	M. F. Liebenau	55	2	...	...	...	2	81	6	...	...	25	95	147 24	1,079 56	Rosendale, "
Samsonville	Vacant	45	7	1	1	...	...	50	5	5	25	12	50	87	...	Samsonville, "
St. Remy	Vacant	32	13	8	1	...	...	44	...	1	20	20	30	...	...	Fly Mountain, "
	Total	1389	135	56	48	1	34	1974	109	43	561	675	1506	$3,947 50	$25,904 98	

Minister without Charge.—Rev. James R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Jamaica	J. B. Alliger	150	5	...	2	...	...	333	10	2	150		250	...	...	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	C. I. Shepard	116	8	6	6	...	8	166	6	2	168	250	200	$480 04	$3,182 00	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	John H. Smock	120	9	5	3	.	1	122	10	6		206	125	172 50	2,750	East Norwich, "
North Hempstead	Ira C. Boice	75	4	6	..	.	...	82	1	..	....	....	50	87 67	1,028 33	Manhasset, "
Williamsburg	E. S. Porter	300	19	19	3	..	...	433	6	2	300	300	450	...	...	Williamsburg, "
Astoria	W. H. Ten Eyck, (s. c.).	62	5	6	6	...	1	100	3	3	57	32	99	856 95	3,072 48	Astoria, "
Greenpoint	Alex. McKelvey	195	21	21	26	1	2	329	23	6	485	320	268	600	46,688	Greenpoint, "
Flushing	M. S. Fairchild.	87	26	9	2	...	...	187	3	11	80	125	90	367 52	2,375 18	Flushing, "
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	75	26	15	11	...	...	126	1	8	190	210	168	134	2,964 05	Brooklyn, E. D., "
Lee Avenue	J. Halsted Carroll	276	91	57	17	..	2	440	21	43	357	902	826	557	9,731	" " "
East Williamsburg	Vacant	80	...	...	2	..	...	28	...	...	25	50	75	250	490	Maspeth, "
Queens	James Wyckoff	67	5	...	2	...	3	80	3	...	100	50	...	129 56	1,549 86	Queens, "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer.	55	10	1	...	...	...	101	30	..	20	30	80	20	1,000	Astoria, "
Second Newtown	"	25	2	...	...	...	...	37	9	..	....	....	...	...	175	" "
Ger. Evan. Brooklyn	J. M. Wagner	210	75	1	3	...	6	358	115	...	175	300	400	208 15	3,274 83	Williamsburg, "
Sayville	L. G. Jongeneel	35	...	...	1	.	1	39	2	...		....	30	30 45	425	Sayville, "
	Total	2138	310	146	87	1	29	3320	248	83	2107	2875	3471	$3,838 84	$78,460 82	

Ministers without Charge.—E. R. Atwater, 36 Vesey street, New York. A. C. Hillman, 130 Broadway, Williamsburgh, L. I. P. S. Williamson, San Francisco, Cal. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y. Lewis G. Bingham, New York City. W. W. Hicks, Charleston, S. C. Henry V. Voorhees.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y

CHURCH	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Brooklyn	Joseph Kimball	208	19	35	15	...	4	402	9	2	250		350	$11,177	$7,765	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	135	22	7	4	...	6	223	16	6	160	140	267	4,146 16	3,000	Flatbush, "
New Utrecht	D. S. Sutphen	90	2	..	5	..	2	200	10	...	100	120	170	974 90	2,300	New Utrecht, "
Gravesend	Maurice G. Hansen (s.c.)	117	7	2	3	...	3	151	5	1	82	100	108	581 21	2,069 38	Gravesend, "
Flatlands	Vacant	100	1	1	3	.	3	175	10	...	120	110	134	326 06	1,798 10	Flatlands, "
New Lots	John M. Van Buren	70	7	...	...	...	1	127	12	...	40	30	45	313 26	1,359	East New York, "
East New York	C. R. Blauvelt	75	5	7	7	...	4	105	7	1	160	14	187	600	2,600	" "
South Brooklyn	John H. Manning	40	2	...	1	...	3	66	14	...	50	60	75	442	12,122 17	Brooklyn, "
Middle Brooklyn†	Edward P. Ingersoll	180	19	17	158	..	5	*339	18	4	240	125	466	1,164 36	9,979 58	" "
Twelfth street	N. P. Pierce	120	9	21	9	1	3	216	14	2	60	40	300	225 70	8,315 65	" "
North Brooklyn	William T. Enyard	315	17	14	9	...	6	541	12	2	350	380	450	1,769 99	6,500	" "
Church on the Heights	Z. Eddy	212	12	16	19	...	4	*490	8	1	130	460	....	16,120 21	9,829 38	" "
New Brooklyn	Vacant	39	22	3	...	...	1	*120	6	...		....	80	59	780	New Brooklyn, "
East Brooklyn	S. F. Farmer	70	3	7	6	...	...	160	6	1	40	54	120	144 19	4,433 54	Brooklyn, "
	Total	1771	147	130	239	1	45	3314	147	20	1782	1683	2747	$38,558 04	$72,851 45	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. M. Ferris, D.D., Sec. Board of Foreign Missions, 34 Vesey street, New York City. Rev. Jacob West, Sec. Board of Domestic Missions, 34 Vesey street, New York City. Rev. Daniel Rapalye, Missionary to China. Rev. Julius Hones, Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Corrected report. †158 dismissed; 84 on register and stricken off, not having communed in 5 years; 98 reported last year, and not on the list. Total, 335 less communicants than reported last year.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Battle Creek	Isaac Collier	35	...	6	1	...	...	65	3	...	30	145	84	$78	$500	Battle Creek, Mich.
Centreville	A. H. Van Vranken	95	9	9	6	...	3	147	1	6	....	100	90	79 77	1,925	Centreville, "
Constantine	J. W. Beardslee (s. c.)	70	18	6	3	...	2	122	1	..	....		180	69 52	1,227	Constantine, "
First Grand Rapids	C. Van der Veen	35	3	4	...	1	1	46	4	1	30	25	70	204 65	775 17	Grand Rapids, "
Hope	A. T. Stewart	44	3	1	8	...	2	75	5	2	50	112	150	162 24	1,956 92	Holland, "
Macon	P. Moerdyk	40	3	10	1	...	...	42	2	1	....	50	50	10	250	Tecumseh, "
Porter	J. W. Beardslee, S. S	25	...	...	...	...	...	28	1	...	....	....	60	.....	168	Constantine, "
South Bend	W. J. Skillman	25	..	10	...	...	...	10	...	..	....	....	70	... .	200	South Bend, Ind.
South Macon	P. Moerdyk	30	2	3	3	1	...	34	4	...	30	62	35	26	1,128 25	Tecumseh, Mich.
	Total	408	33	49	22	2	8	564	21	10	140	494	789	$630 18	$7,465 34	

Minister without Charge.—J. G. Tarbell, Alamo, Michigan, Emeritus.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
First Freehold	George Swain	100	16	..	8	3	2	168	6	8	80	60	150	$361 70	$5,061	Marlboro.
Second Freehold	Gulick Van Aken	149	9	4	1	...	6	239	3	3	100	90	150	467	3,425	Freehold.
Holmdel	William Reiley	95	3	3	3	.	3	132	2	3	132	20	100	653 14	1,750	Holmdel.
Spottswood	Ralph Willis	50	11	7	1	...	4	100	2	8	35	25	50	60	3,700	Spotswood.
Middletown	George Seibert	52	2	...	1	...	2	69	2	2	45	40	85	58 10	1,101	Middletown.
Keyport	A. A. Zabriskie	40	1	5	1	...	2	65	...	...	15	....	50	100	1,000	Keyport.
Long Branch	James B. Wilson	66	10	1	.	...	...	117	13	5	35	45	80	145 20	2,716	Long Branch.
Colt's Neck	James Bolton, (s. c.)	68	5	5	...	...	1	129	3	...	50	75	80	42 72	1,225	Colt's Neck.
	Total	620	57	25	15	3	20	1019	31	29	492	335	645	$1,882 86	$19,978	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. G. C. Schanck, Marlboro. Rev. Samuel Lockwood, Keyport.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Auriesville	Vacant															
Canghnawaga	J. C. Boyd	140	18	1	2		3	117	5	2	100	160	100	$298	$4,708 55	Fonda, N. Y.
Canajoharie	Richard R. Williams	†85		6			2	104	2			15	75	189	1,260 25	Canajoharie.
Columbia	Vacant															
Carrytown	D. K. Van Doren	35	9		2		2	75	5	1			40	128 12	210	Root.
Ephratah	Vacant															
Florida	G Lane	101	4	2	1		2	139	1	2			95	190	900	Minaville.
Port Plain	Vacant															Fort Plain.
Fort Herkimer	Vacant															
Fultonville	F. M Kip, Jr	100	1	4	1		1	72			60		80		1,440 40	Fultonville.
Glen	F. V. Van Vranken	107	1	2	6			94	1	1		50	100	206 01	848 69	Glen.
Hagaman's Mills	A. J. Hageman (a. c.)	70		2	5		1	76	4		25	35	50	‡258 20	780	Hagaman's Mills.
Henderson	Vacant															
Herkimer	G. D. Consaul	150		8	2			129	6			170	150	65		Herkimer.
Indian Castle	R. M. Stanborough	19	2					15		1				7	194 50	Ingham's Mills.
Manheim	R. M. Stanborough	50	18				1	89	3	4				40	660	"
Mapletown	J. Markle, S. S	60			1		3	51	2			20		16 98	352	
Mohawk	F. F. Wilson*	70						54			5	50	80	50	1,200	Mohawk.
Port Jackson	Vacant	65	4	1	2		2	94	2	1	30	60	90	95	800	Port Jackson.
St. Johnsville	J. Knieskern	95	19		2	2	2	114	3	5			100	179 59	800	St. Johnsville.
Stone Arabia	J. M. Compton		4		1		1		5					12	565	Palatine Bridge.
Spraker's Basin	D. K. Van Doren	58	8	2	2		1	20		7			75	19 98	461 33	Spraker's Basin.
Tillaborough	Vacant															
	Total	1200	83	28	27	2	21	1243	39	24	220	500	1085	$1,651 78	$17,875 72	

Ministers without Charge.—Elbert Slingerland, Emeritus, Hagaman's Mills, N. Y. Jeremiah Petrie, laboring in another denomination, Post-office address not known.

* Pastor elect. † Last year's report. ‡ $130 of the above, Individual.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
First New Brunswick.....	Richard H. Steele.....	200	34	20	17	...	13	456	12	8	120	20	200	$2,074	$5 088	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six-Mile-Run.....	Jacob C. Sears.....	146	5	10	20	...	3	286	10	3	35	30	242	709	2,800	Six-Mile-Run, "
Hillsborough	Ed. T. Corwin, (s. c.) ..	150	17	9	6	...	3	246	15	...	200	20	250	700	1,200	Millstone, "
Middlebush	Stephen L. Morehon....	106	8	18	6	...	2	157	4	2	65	100	135	741	2,641	Middlebush, "
Griggstown.	Stephen Searle..... ..	60	6	3	9	..	...	119	3	1	...	....	80	429 18	900	Griggstown, "
Second New Brunswick...	Chester D. Hartranft...	160	26	3	12	.	4	305	4	3	130	190	228	2,751 17	4,088	New Brunswick, "
Bound Brook...	Jac b C. Dutcher ...	81	2	12	...	...	...	146	3	...	50	80	105	222 46	1,950	Bound Brook, "
Third New Brunswick...	Charles Meyer, S. S.....	19	4	...	3	...	1	37	3	...	10	10	65	13	480	New Brunswick, "
East Millstone.....	Vacant	79	4	3	4	...	3	131	6	1	71	71	51	465	1,388	Millstone, "
Metuchen.....	Vacant.....	65	2	6	3	..	1	119	1	1	....	30	25	116 69	1,338	Metuchen, "
	Total.....	1068	108	84	80	...	30	2012	61	19	681	651	1381	$8,712 27	$21,928	

Ministers without Charge.—John Manley, Peter J. Quick (Supt. Theological Hall), William H. Campbell (President of Rutgers College), Profs. Jacob Cooper, T Sandford Doolittle, at New Brunswick, N. J. Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J. J. Howard Van Doren, Missionary of Amoy Mission, Griggstown, N. J. H. W. Brandt, Missionary in South Africa. J. L. See, Sec. Board of Education, 34 Vesey street, New York City. B. F. Romaine, Sec. Ohio Colonization Society, Columbus, Ohio. N. J. M. Bogert. *Candidates.*—H. E. Lott, De Witt T. Reiley, H. C. Berg, New Brunswick, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Collegiate, New York	Thomas De Witt															56 East Ninth street. N. Y.
	Thomas E. Vermilye															
	Talbot W. Chambers	554	45	85	87		19	1423	27	4			1910	$28,689 71		70 West 36th street. "
	James M. Ludlow															
Thirty-fourth Street	Isaac Riley	340	12	16	36		5	567	11	3	420	90	420	2,047 50	$12,761	155 West 36th street, "
St. Paul's	Alex. R. Thompson	108	5	1	3		2		12	1				1,350 17	8,747 52	330 West 30th street, "
Northwest	H. D. Ganse	120	3	1	25		9	369	8	1	100	70	100	3,500	6,847	358 West 22d street. "
German Evan. Miss	Julius W. Geyer															
Bloomingdale	E. Van Aken				2			62	2		50		50			
Harlem	G. Henry Mandeville	155	8	17	18		3	*255	8	3	200	30	250	1,956 28		5 Hanson Place, Harlem, "
Mott Haven	H. Du Bois	160	24	13	2		1	171	8	8	220	160	220		3,500	Mott Haven, "
Staten Island	James Brownlee	160	10	5	5		7	315	14			45	506	1,580 44	5,495 26	Port Richmond, S. I.
Richmond, S. I.	J. H. Sinclair	28	2				1	52	3				96	63 10	1,067 68	Richmond "
Ch. of the Huguenots, S. I.	H. B. Stryker	34	4	3	3		4	34	1	2	22	28	70	41 08	605	South Side, L. I.
Fourth German	John H. Gerter	90	10					184	22		15	47	80	72 32	1,540 99	252 West 40th street.
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	78	5	4	8		2	137	9	3	150	176	184	425 50	3,390 07	231 East 86th street.
Holland	A. H. Bechthold	75	1	3	4			56	3					53	400	
South New York	E. P. Rogers	200	12	16	15			455	13	8			750	12,808 34	15,500	42 West 27th street.
South New Haven, Ct.	H. Branch	142	3		10		2	153	3	1	150	79	132	128 98	1,723 75	
Brookfield, Ct.	Vacant	35	17	17	1			33		9	10		45	30	400	
	Total	2279	161	131	164		55	4268	144	46	1387	725	4768	$52,696 37	$61,918 22	

Ministers without Charge.—Isaac Ferris, D.D. LL.D., Chancellor of New York University. Charles Whitehead, Chaplain City Hospital. John Forsyth, Newburgh. N. J. Marselus, South 5th street, Williamsburg. T. B. Gregory, Bergen Point, N. J. C. M. Jameson, Somerville, N. J. E. B. Cleghorn. W. H. Miller, 48 South 9th street, Brooklyn.

Missionary Pastors.—W. H. Clark, (s. c.) 7th avenue, corner 54th street. J. L. McNair, 108 Fulton street. J. H. Bertholf, 160 West 29th street. Sandford W. Roe, Brookfield, Conn. Leonard W. Kip, Missionary to China. A. R. Van Nest, Missionary to Florence. *Revised list.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Brighton Heights	Thomas G. Watson	.....	24	8	6	...	..	218	13	9	200	22	157	$571 74	$ 3,069 59	Tompkinsville, S. I.
Washington Square	M. S. Hutton	122	9	8	11	1	3	244	7	1	126	15	126	2,966	11,880	New York City.
Manhattan	Vacant	20	6	...	1	...	2	22	15	..	21	200	150	25 12	1,000	
Bushwick	S. H. Meeker, (s. c.)	65	14	5	4	..	4	226	55	4	40	25	180	411 22	1,784	Williamsburg, L. I.
Union Ref. 6th avenue	Vacant	80	5	4	6	...	2	191	6	..	95	17	80	517 29	4,210 96	
German R. P. Church	H. A. Friedel	200	24	5	3	...	3	499	87	...	125	110	500	994	2,416	New York City.
	Total	485	82	30	31	1	14	1465	183	7	607	389	1198	$5,386 07	$24,360 55	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. B. Steele, Salem, N. Y. Rev. J. M. Macauley, Rev. H. R. Timlow.
Candidate.—Isaac W. Warner, Williamsburg, L. I.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Berea*	J. B. Ten Eyck	57	8	2	4	...	1	56	3	2	....	15	50	.....	.....	Walden, N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	R. H. Beattie, P. E.	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	Bloomingburg, "
Callicoon	Vacant	51	14	..	7	.	4	141	20	.	24	50	75	$11	$204 90	Callicoon, "
Cuddebackville	J. L. Zabriskie	50	9	2	..	...	1	46	..	7	86	....	55	111 79	1,116 47	Cuddebackville, "
Deer Park	S. W. Mills	155	3	1	6	...	5	203	8	2	70	.	200	1,149 37	24,407 37	Port Jervis, "
Ellenville	E. W. Bentley (s. c.)	125	3	3	8	...	4	244	5	1	....	25	125	187	2,700	Ellenville, "
Fallsburg	W. S. Brown	100	3	..	3	..	1	94	6	3	...	145	100	365 78	1,012	Woodbourne, "
Grahamville	W. E. Turner	50	12	1	...	...	1	108	..	1	.	....	95	44	455	Grahamville, "
Mamakating	E. G. Ackerman, P. E	60	..	1	2	...	1	55	..	..	20	20	60	15 11	.....	Wurtsboro, "
Middleport	John DuBois	70	1	2	2	..	1	107	11	1	....	*160	....	29	300	Kerhonkson, "
Milesville	Vacant	40	62	1	1	1	3	80	7	...	6	‖ 120	...	2 75	87	Callicoon, "
Montgomery	A. B. Van Zandt	175	18	2	4	...	4	320	7	1	*180	140		936 74	1,898 84	Montgomery, "
Newburgh	W. H. Gleason, P. E.	175	4	12	16	...	6	296	19	2	125	150	200	496 62	4,295	Newburgh, "
New Hurley	L. L. Comfort	110	10	3	*21	...	2	180	6	3	90	75	150	258 25	1,440 64	New Hurley, "
New Prospect	Vacant	118	1	...	4	2	2	..	5	...	....		70	38 81	505 32	Ulsterville, "
Shawangunk	C. Spaulding	175	7	2	7	5	1	257	12	1	75	90	130	196 22	1,328 64	Bruynswick, "
Upper Neversink	W. E. Turner, S. S.	25	1	...	...	...	...	19	...	1	....	...	60	....	100	Claryville, "
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	100	12	9	8	...	4	190	6	4	100	80	125	500	1,800	Walden, "
Wallkill Valley	Vacant	....	...	...	.	..	...		.	...		....		.....	.....	Shawangunk, "
Walpack (Upper)	G. S. Garretson	60	.	...	...	. .	1	75	1	...	...	20	100	90	500	Dingman's Ferry, Pa.
Walpack (Lower)	A. McWilliam	100	10	1	1	...	3	137	3	...		50	145	215	900	Bushkill, Pa.
Wawarsing	J. R. Talmage	120	1	7	8	...	3	188	1	...	50	75	150	.....	.....	Napanoch, N. Y.
	Total	1916	174	49	97	8	48	2780	100	29	776	1055	1890	$3,143 59	$42,071 18	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. C. Scott, Holland, Mich. Rev. J. Boyd, Newburgh. Rev. H. Morris, Binghampton, N. Y. Rev. N. W. Jones, New York City. John A. Staats, Goshen, N. Y. Rev. R. Pitts, Stroudsburg, Pa. Rev. Geo. W. Connitt, Ulsterville, N. Y,

*To the new Church, Wallkill Valley.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Clarkstown	B. C. Lippincott	100	34	4	3	1	6	200	9	12	100	60	145	$578 58	$1,480	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y.
Tappan	George M. Blauvelt	180	2	...	3	3	...	161	6	..	100	200	150	360	1,600	Tappantown, "
Acquackanonk	John Gaston	200	9	12	2	...	4	313	23	1	125	100	200	2,094 59	7,925	Passaic, N. J.
Second Totowa	John H. Duryea	185	3	6	4	.	12	244	8	..	80	170	170	490	2,000	Paterson, "
Paramus	Vacant	175	3	...	3	..	4	158	8	...	100	25	200	200 68	1,800	Hohokus, "
Pascack	Benjamin A. Bartholf	70	4	1	4	...	3	86	4	1	30	10	100	22 56	1,000	Pascack, "
Saddle River	Abraham H. Myers	87	5	11	5	2	2	132	3	...	15	20	60	51	1,900	Monsey, N. Y.
Ramapo	Vacant	50	1	...	...	...	1	57	2	.	75	20	100	15 50	.....	Suffern, "
West New Hempstead	Vacant	39	17	3	10	...	...	64	2	10	30	30	70	126 94	974 41	Monsey, "
Warwick	F. H. Van Derveer	85	7	2	3	...	..	121	4	2	90	90	45	408	1,550 28	Warwick, "
Nyack	Uriah Marvin	150	16	5	5	...	3	257	5	4	175	70	250	428 26	2,851	Nyack, "
Piermont	Augustus F. Todd	48	1	2	10	...	3	66	3	...	35	12	65	476	1,800	Piermont, "
Broadway, Paterson	William W. Halloway	95	4	18	4	.	3	127	5	...	200	200	250	410	2,800	Paterson, N. J.
First Holland, Paterson	James Huyssoon	90	7	10	3	..	2	117	27	1	18	35	48	101 66	921 40	Paterson, "
Second Holland, Paterson	A. K. Kasse	100	...	...	...	..	...	225	...	...	50	60	125	.....	...	Paterson, "
Spring Valley	Marshall B. Smith	90	4	3	.	...	3	92	1	...	80	13	82	305 40	2,260	Spring Valley, "
Holland, Lodi	Vacant	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		.....	...	
North Passaic	J. Paschal Strong, (s. c.)	65	6	30	1	...	1	75	7	...	100	25	180	330	19,278 24	Passaic "
	Total	1730	128	102	40	6	47	2490	117	31	1408	1140	2185	$6,394 12	$49,640 33	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Isaac D. Cole, Spring Valley, N. Y. Rev. Jno. T. Demarest, Nyack Turnpike, N. Y. Rev. A. H. Bechthold, Boston. Rev. Wm. Demarest, Suffern, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Boardville (M. S.)	J. F. Bernart, Miss	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	15	17	$50	...	Pompton, N. J.
Boonton	C. B. Durand	75	9	7	...	...	...	52	1	5	31	...	63	120	...	Boonton, "
Fairfield	J. Wilson	60	5	...	...	...	2	143	4	...	36	24	80	60	$776 20	Little Falls, "
Little Falls	G. J. Van Neste	64	4	7	9	...	2	*63	5	1	...	...	85	294 45	2,085 52	Little Falls, "
Montville	N. Conklin	102	1	1	4	...	2	166	5	...	45	35	80	111 78	...	Boonton, "
Sixth Paterson	J. M. Ru te	...	...	12	4	...	4	254	60	...	180	60	...	120	1,800	Paterson, "
Pompton Plains	J. V. N. Schenk	186	6	7	4	...	4	220	10	3	120	65	200	401 54	1,800	Pompton Plains, N. Y.
Pompton	J. N. Jansen	80	3	2	14	...	4	146	3	...	25	20	125	344 40	1,071	Pompton, N. J.
Ponds	A. Vandewater	60	3	9	1	...	1	40	9	...		40	75	68	756	Pompton, "
Preakness	S. T. Cole	45	3	1	3	...	...	58	13	...	...	30	60	95 65	858 56	Paterson, "
Stone House Plains	B. T. Statesir	60	2	...	...	1	1	108	1	2	40	6	70	82 50	1,015 76	Bloomfield, "
First Church, Totowa	John Steele (s. c.)	120	7	9	...	...	2	173	15	1	60	12	125	361 83	1,900	Paterson, "
Wyckoff	S. T. Searle	105	...	2	5	...	1	124	19	...	...	...	60	95 17	1,756	Godwinville, "
	Total	922	43	57	44	1	28	1542	145	12	554	307	1040	$2,200 41	$13,769 04	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. James Demarest, Belleville, N. J. Rev. A. G. Ryerson, Paterson, N. J. Rev. J. C. Cruikshank, Little Falls, N. J. *Revised list.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Harlingen	John Gardner	160	15	6	17	...	3	245	12	6	80	....	250	$569	$1,468 94	Harlingen, N. J.
Readington	J. G. Van Slyke	200	45	8	2	2	5	332	25	15	..	....	260	428 55	4,609 80	Readington, "
Ne-Shanic	G. Ludlow	*160	5	7	...	...	1	260	8	2	75		200	500	1,200	Ne-Shanic, "
First Philadelphia	Thos. X. Orr	†160	7	16	4	...	3	228	4	4	50	25	245	1,002	.....	Cor. 7th & Spring Gar. sts. Phil.
Second "	J. S. Hartley	†182	2	1	23	...	7	†294	...	...	....	....	443	1,285 22	5,941 45	808 North 8th St., "
Third "	Chas. Wadsworth	130	3	18	1	...	4	206	2	...	105	225	95	1,155	12,913	2119 Spring Garden St., "
N. & S. Hampton	Wm. H. DeHart	115	3	10	10	...	5	210	.	3	50	116	100	311 61	1,864	Richboro, Pa.
Blawenburgh	C. W. Fritts	112	8	11	3	...	4	217	15	1	50	....	150	558 44	1,356 62	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Stanton	H. Doolittle	70	2	7	8	1	4	201	...	2	65	....	85	.....	.....	Stanton, "
Manayunk	P. Stryker Talmage	60	1	6	3	..	1	130	4	...	80	18	100	80 04	.....	Manayunk, Phil.
Rocky Hill	Oscar Gesner	90	5	5	8	...	1	110	2	2	...	....	95	221 99	3,926	Rocky Hill, N. J.
Clover Hill	W. B. Voorhees	75	31	3	4	...	1	106	3	11	25	40	85	120	1,500	Clover Hill, "
Addisville	Jas. L. Amerman, (s. c.)	89	4	8	2	...	2	152	7	1	110	120	140	856 18	1,705 26	Richboro, Pa.
Bethune Memorial	Vacant	18	14	6	...	...	...	48	..	...	....	....	60	10	.....	
	Total	1621	145	112	85	3	41	2734	82	47	690	544	2308	$7,098 03	$36,485 07	

Ministers without Charge.—C. Collins, Jr., 606 North 8th street, Phila., Stated Supply Presbyterian Church, Jeffersonville, Pa. J. V. N. Talmadge, Missionary, Amoy, China. G. P. Gramm, Phila.

*Last year's report. †Revised list.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson	190	12	18	7	...	6	421	9	8	208	346	273	$1,543 87	.....	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	C. S. Hageman (s. c.)	130	3	8	2	...	5	248	2	...	100	75	100	3,067 88	$3,818 81	"
Fishkill	F. M. Kip	....	4	3	...	...	...	†152	3	1	....	....		613	.....	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	O. E. Cobb	130	5	4	6	1	4	286	4	3	50	70	120	612 50	.....	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	H. Ward	115	22	9	5	...	4	151	2	13	50	60	175	373 61	1,200	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	G. Talmage	140	5	5	10	...	8	291	2	1	76	76	75	845 43	2,960	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	J. R. Berry	90	3	11	2	...	4	177	1	1	...	....	285	1,081 95	2,776	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	H. Dater	80	26	9	2	..	1	165	7	15	40	40	60	108 21	....	Hyde Park, "
Glenham	A. N. Wyckoff	58	2	1	1	...	2	63	3	1	40	60	60	225 75	.....	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	.....	30	2	...	2	...	...	30	...	1	....	....	35	30	.....	Cold Spring, "
Mill Brook	H. N. Cobb, and A. P. Stockwell*	65	40	8	6	...	...	97	5	26	25	54	150	3,497 15	3,550	Washington, "
		....	...	...	..	.	.	....	...	...	....	....		.....	.....	Washington Hollow, "
	Total	1023	124	66	43	1	44	2081	38	70	319	781	1283	$10,868 04	$11,299 81	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. H. Vedder, Greenbush. Rev. C. Van Cleef, Poughkeepsie. Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill. Rev Wm. A. Cornell, Poughkeepsie. Rev. C. D. Rice, Poughkeepsie. Rev. Harrison Heermance, Rhinebeck. *In charge of Bloomvale Chapel. †Revised report.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
First Raritan	Abraham Messler	200	6	5	7	...	7	486	8	...	75	50	....	.....	.....	Somerville, N. J.
Bedminster	Charles H. Pool	120	12	5	14	...	5	229	10	2	75	40	...	$1,092 44	$1,297 97	Pluckamin, "
Lebanon	Wm. Van Benschoten	160	15	12	8	.	2	207	17	8	75	30	70	198 76	1,723 06	Lebanon, "
Rockaway	Wm. Bailey	90	8	6	9	...	3	190	7	2	....	....	150	404	1,200	White House, "
North Branch	P. M. Doolittle	122	18	8	8	.	4	172	4	1	70	16	100	433 87	1,200	North Branch, "
Second Raritan	J. F. Mesick (s. c.)	150	9	14	28	1	2	365	11	2	....		200	827 91	1,912 86	Somerville, "
Peapack	H. P. Thompson	120	16	9	5	2	3	215	7	7	60	120	150	175	1,200	Peapack, "
Branchville	Wm. Pitcher	107	51	3	9	...	2	194	3	11	...	....	170	362 04	2,000	South Branch, "
Third Raritan	James LeFevre	120	51	15	15	...	1	260	20	15	60	....	200	717 74	1,700	Raritan, "
Easton	C. H. Edgar	52	2	2	...	...	...	80	3	...	60	....	70	650	2,950	Easton, Pa.
Warren	H. F. Schnellendreusler	*35	...	...	...	...	...	101	...	...	...	.	50	.....	.....	Bound Brook, N. J.
Plainfield		57	5	2	4	...	2	78	8	...	21	...	57	116	254	Plainfield, "
Central Plainfield	N. E. Smith	90	8	28	16	.	2	110	5	2	...	....	100	364 50	3,450	Plainfield, "
Pottersville	T. W. Jones	58	5	2	2	2	1	86	...	2	..	....	60	130	1,500	Pottersville, "
High Bridge	R. Van Amburgh	40	6	9	6	...	1	40	3	1	.	12	26	35	7,000	High Bridge, "
Clinton Station	J. A. Van Doren	40	1	11	...	...	...	47	2	...	....	....	90	50	870	Clinton Station, "
	Total	1556	213	126	126	5	35	2860	108	48	496	268	1493	$14,556 76	$28,267 79	

Ministers without Charge.—Revs. John Vanderveer, D.D., Easton, Pa. J. A. H. Cornell, D. D., New Baltimore, N. Y. Cornelius Wyckoff, New Brunswick N. J. Wm. Cornell, Somerville, N. J. John Simonson, Plainfield, N. J.

*Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Blooming Grove	W. Ingalls	70	10	2	...	...	...	77	4	9		40	60	$40 82	$14,000	Blooming Grove, N. Y.
Castleton	...	125	10	10	...	...	.	181	3	...		...	140	310 12	1,390 83	Castleton.
Chatham	C. S. Mead	125	1	4	4	...	4	150	4	1	..	30	100	325	1,600	Chatham Four Corners
First Ghent	John B. Drury	50	3	2	2	...	.	71	...	1	20	30	50	85	7,500	Ghent.
Second Ghent	Elbert N. Sebring	125	5	...	1	...	6	132	1	...	...	...	80	225	1,450	Hudson.
Greenbush	Wm. Anderson	168	18	4	4	...	3	182	3	6	...	109	125	373 76	2,493 04	East Greenbush.
Kinderhook	Edward A. Collier	200	21	5	10	...	10	331	9	10	50	160	200	1,580 65	5,477 72	Kinderhook.
Nassau	Alfred H. Brush	150	30	7	...	...	6	320	1	14	25	60	130	500	1,800	Nassau.
New Concord.	J. H. Bevier, S. S	30	...	...	1	...	1	50	...	...	12	26	35	158 79	500	New Concord.
Schodack	A. B. Peffers	130	...	4	1	...	...	123	2	..	...	...	150	.....	1,800	Schodack Landing
Schodack Landing	I. L. Kip	70	10	1	...	...	2	73	...	5	40	..	60	182 30	1,694	Do
Stuyvesant	Elbert Nevius, (s. c.)	130	23	6	...	...	3	110	1	8	...	...	41	605	1,419 42	Stuyvesant.
Stuyvesant Falls	Ransford Wells	49	6	...	1	...	1	54	...	...	30	20	50	49	750	Stuyvesant Falls.
	Total	1422	137	45	24	...	36	1854	28	54	177	475	1221	$4,430 94	$41,875 01	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. E. L. Heermance on a European tour; Rev. B. L. Snyder, Creek Locks, Ulster County, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
West Troy	Vacant	112	...	2	2	...	1	271	2	...	..	97	100	$575 12	$2,594 65	West Troy, N. Y.
South West Troy	S. W. Strong	107	9	12	...	...	2	186	11	2		.	121	318 09	2,042 89	"
Wynantskill	J. S. L. Tomb	54	2	1	1	...	2	81	1	1	....	25	60	68	945 28	Wynantskill.
Boght	H A Raymond	44	1	...	1	...	3	53	...	1	....	12	35	89	550	Cohoes.
Rensselaer	Vacant *.	20	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	....		...	.....	.....	"
Waterford	Vacant *	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	.....	.....	Waterford.
Cohoes	C. N. Waldron, (s. c.)	160	10	7	7	...	6	294	16	4	....	90	220	649 18	8,172 01	Cohoes.
Union Village	A. S. Hoyt.	60	2	2	2	...	4	91	1	...	....	10	40	182 67	1,300	Greenwich.
Saratoga	J. H. Collier *	115	4	10	4	...	...	169	6	3	100	50	....	141	1,743 65	Schuylerville.
Buskirk's	P. Furbeck	50	...	...	...	...	.	76	...	...	42	50	45	75	944	Buskirk's Bridge.
Easton.	Vacant *	35	...	...	...	...	...	48	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	Easton.
Schaghticoke	Vacant.	45	5	...	...	...	...	84	...	...		30	65	185	920	Schaghticoke.
Northumberland	C. D. Kellogg	87	8	4	...	...	3	91	3	3	....	65	35	423 82	1,686	Bacon Hill.
Gansevoort	Vacant *	46	...	...	...	...	...	29	...	...	....	...	...	.....	.....	Gansevoort.
Fort Miller	Vacant †	50	6	8	...	...	2	57	...	.	...	20	40	75 35	1,500	Fort Miller.
Jackson	Vacant															
	Total	1020	47	41	17	...	23	1546	40	14	142	449	761	$2,632 18	$17,228 48	

Ministers without Charge.—O. H. Gregory, West Troy; T. A. Gardner, Orient, N. Y.; J. S. Wyckoff, Wood Haven, Queens Co. N. Y.; A. G. Cochran, Galesville; John Smith.

* Last report. † Supplied by C. D. Kellogg.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
First Schenectady	Denis Wortman	310	8	3	6	.	3	442	6	2	100	400	350	.....	$3,500	Schenectady, N. Y.
Second "	Wm. H. Phraner	189	4	2	3	1	1	118	...	...	....	....	100	$31	2,372	"
Third "	Vacant															
First Glenville	John Minor	150	1	...	3	...	7	225	8	...	80	75	180	277	929	Glenville.
Second "	F. F Wilson.	80	14	3	.	.	...	115	.	4		.	200	100	1,000	Scotia.
First Rotterdam	John C. Lowe	131	1	...	...	...	...	87	4	1	....	.	150	41	800	Van Vechten.
Second "	Wm. P. Davis*.	100	...	2	...	...	.	129	6	...	. .	110	100	.....	.....	Schenectady.
Helderberg	Samuel L. Gamble*	†175	...	...	3	...	5	295	5	...	...	50	300	200	4,000	Guilderland Center.
Niskayuna	J. A. DeBaun, (s. c.)	100	3	2	1	...	4	167	6	.	80	80	70	232	770	Niskayuna.
Lisha's Kill	"	85	4	1	1	...	1	158	1	.	90	90	75	187	844	"
Amity	Wm. W. Letson	95	23	...	1	...	3	151	7	14	..	35	80	175	850	Vischer's Ferry.
Princetown	Vacant	†70	1	...	2	...	4	145	4	...	60	60	100	150	500	Dunnsville.
Day	Vacant															
	Total	1435	51	11	20	1	28	2017	47	21	410	900	1705	$1,398	$15,565	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A. J. Swits, Schenectady; Rev. R. B. Welch, Professor in Union College, Schenectady; Rev. A. DuBois, Principal Amelia Institute, Amelia, C. H., Va.; Rev. R. L. Schoonmaker, Chaplain State Prison, Sing Sing, N. Y.; Rev. D. B. Hall, Dunnsville, N. Y.; Rev. W. F. Schwilk, suspended. * Pastor elect. † Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Schoharie	S. H. Cobb	103	4	1	4	1	8	122	1	8	12	10	105	$151 40	$1,070 20	Schoharie. N. Y.
Middleburgh	John S. Lott	82	3	1	2	...	1	134	5	2	..	35	27	297 43	736 12	Middleburgh.
Gallupville	Edwin Vedder (s. c.)	73	2	1	...	...	4	130	7	1	20	35	100	82 30	1,443 9	Gallupville.
Berne	Edward Miller	60	1	...	...	...	5	155	...	...	25	30	45	200 82	424 54	Berne.
Beaver Dam	"	54	11	2	...	3	...	85	3	5	50	30	70	34 99	290	"
Lawyerville	Jacob H. Van Woert	65	2	1	...	...	2	61	6	...	...	30	60	71	720	Lawyerville.
Sharon	"	60	15	...	1	...	6	87	...	6	...	30	80	55	400	"
Gilboa	William S. Moore	85	...	1	...	...	3	119	...	...	...	30	50	28 31	686 50	Gilboa.
North Blenheim	Vacant	30	...	..	...	...	...	32	.	...	...	12	40	7	.....	North Blenheim.
Breakabin	Vacant	25	...		..	.	1	26	3	...		30	85	11 26	... .	"
Schoharie Mountain	Vacant.															
Eminence	Vacant.															
	Total	642	28	7	7	4	25	951	25	17	107	322	662	$989 51	$5,720 55	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. T. L. Shaffer, Berne, Albany County, N. Y.; Rev. J. M. Scribner, Middleburgh, Schoharie County, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Blue Mountain	Wm. D. Buckelew	80	2	4	6	...	5	135	13	...	...	...	120	$109 67	$789 80	Saugerties, N Y.
Caatsban	N. F. Chapman, (s. c.)	70	...	2	8	...	2	151	...	...	...	...	40	228	900	"
Esopus	J. N. Voorhees	100	...	...	4	...	...	44	1	...	70	40	...	126	.....	Ulster Park.
Flatbush	Wm. B. Merritt.	111	12	5	5	...	6	209	15	3	100	40	200	229 74	1,478 21	Glasco.
Kingston	D. N. Vanderveer	208	8	5	4	...	6	385	13	3	250	...	170	1,149 89	4,176 25	Kingston.
North Esopus	A. M. Arcularius	85	2	2	4	...	...	125	7	...	...	166	120	373 65	1,654 18	Port Ewen.
Plattekill	M. L. Schenck	147	16	5	2		5	254	19	4	...	50	115	234 61	2,208 18	Glasco.
Saugerties	John B. Thompson	120	3	9	3	...	4	*208	3	...	...	75	160	1,692 81	3,339 82	Saugerties.
Shokan	John W. Hammond*	85	15	...	1		...	131	6	5	50	18	70	.....	2,000	Shokan.
Shandaken	John W. Hammond															
West Hurley	C. Blauvelt	60	1	10	3	3	1	102	7	...	30	15	50	77 72	1,100	West Hurley.
Woodstock	Dewitt B. Wykoff	60	5	7	3	...	1	93	12	...	...	25	80	135 87	1,729 30	Woodstock.
Wiltwyck	Vacant	30	4	2	2	1	1	47	2	...	...	35	100			
	Total	1143	53	51	40	4	31	1870	92	10	450	446	1155	$5,358 08	$17,870 24	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. H. Ostrander, D.D., Saugerties; Rev. John C. F. Hoes, D.D., Kingston; Rev. W. L. James, Kingston; Rev. Wm. A. Shaw, Kingston; Rev. John A. Davis, Amoy, China; Wesley Taylor, suspended.

* Corrected List.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Bronxville	Washington Roosevelt	25	1	...	...	...	...	60	...	1	...	..	80	$370	...	Pelham, N. Y.
Cortlandtown	John Garretson	50	...	..	1	...	...	42	1	...			45	...	...	Montrose, "
Fordham	William Brush	50	3	5	3	...	...	60	2	...	30	20	40	100	$2,232	Fordham, "
Greenburg*.	Vacant	29	..	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	...	..	40	...	...	Neperan, "
Greenville	John H. Pitcher	31	11	1	3	...	...	60	..	6	15	10	30	31 64	987 71	Scarsdale, "
Hastings	Thos. R. G. Peck	108	8	8	3	...	1	130	...	4	..	230	170	1,419 72	14,231 07	Hastings-on-Hudson, "
Melrose	John Meurl	65	48	...	4	...	2	191	13	...	18	27	122	182	1,518	Morrisania, "
Mount Vernon.	Mancius H. Hutton	85	5	7	3	...	2	127	5	2	116	125	105	351 82	4,271 86	Mount Vernon, "
Peekskill	Ch. D. Buck, (s. c.)	55	6	3	...	...	3	100	..	1	158	120	86	174 01	3,067 82	Peekskill, "
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen, P. E	100	3	7	5	...	2	206	8	1	150	190	120	755 20	2,914 15	Tarrytown, "
Tarrytown, Second	John A. Todd.	100	17	12	22	..	2	287	3	7	...	100	125	1,614 14	6,271	" "
Unionville*.	Vacant	41	...	...	...	...	...	65	...	...	...	...	60	...	...	Neperan, "
West Farms	Evert Van Slyke	70	1	6	4	...	2	76	2	1	60	100	80	45	6,848 26	West Farms, "
White Plains	Victor M. Hulbert.	65	9	7	12	...	2	77	4	4	30	85	55	...	...	White Plains, "
Yonkers	David Cole	122	10	8	1	...	2	202	15	1	284	204	156	1,126 45	6,255 43	Yonkers, "
	Total	991	122	64	61	...	18	1710	58	28	856	1161	1314	$6,169 98	$48,097 30	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck, Hudson, N. Y. Rev. Jacob Fehrmann, Queensburg, N. Y. *Candidates.*—Alexander Watson City Agent, N. Y. B. S., Sing Sing, N. Y.

*Last report.

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Alto	J. H. Karsten	107	1	6	2	1	2	190	22	...	175	...	...	$482 29	$1,735	Waupun, Wis.
Bethlehem	...	12	...	...	...	1	3	27	3	...	34	...	...	54	54	Bethlehem, Milwaukee co., Wis.
Danforth	...	12	...	...	6	...	...	11	1	...	25	...	...	...	...	Danforth, Iroquois co., Ill.
First Chicago	B. de Bey	165	37	24	8	9	3	220	53	2	160	...	120	5,260	700	Chicago, Ill.
Eden	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Empire, Wis.
Franklin	...	24	...	...	10	...	...	52	3	...	25	...	...	188	294	Franklin, Milwaukee co., Wis.
Forreston	...	69	11	...	2	...	...	45	13	...	...	...	...	75	290	Forreston, Ill.
Fulton	H. Woltman	40	3	3	...	...	...	39	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	Fulton, Ill
Gibbsville	J. W. Dunnewold	60	15	4	...	...	2	121	16	...	136	...	...	246	988	Gibbsville, Sheboygan co., Wis.
Greenleaf*	P. Lepeltak	68	...	18	...	...	...	68	16	...	100	...	...	...	400	Forrestville, Filmore co., Minn.
Holland	H. Stobbelaar	76	29	10	11	4	4	180	25	...	125	...	...	485 80	1,060	Cedar Grove, Sheboygan co. W.
High Prairie	H R. Koopman*	88	9	9	18	...	2	134	32	...	92	...	...	419 13	629 35	Calumet, Cook co., Ill.
Low Prairie	A. Zwemer, (s. c.)	75	3	7	1	6	2	134	25	...	90	...	...	334 87	1,201 01	South Holland, Cook co., Ill.
Milwaukee	J. Van Der Meulen	64	6	10	12	...	...	123	12	...	100	...	150	...	1,106	492 Tenth St., Milwaukee, Wis.
North Creek	...	11	...	...	4	...	...	10	2	...	18	...	...	...	63	Lansing, Ill.
Oostburg	J. W. te Winkel	42	2	16	7	...	1	105	12	...	72	...	...	193 86	846 28	Cedar Grove, Sheboygan co. W.
Peoria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Peoria, Ill.
Paine's Point & W. Rock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	Paine's Point, Ogle co., Ill.
Sheboygan Falls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	Sheboygan Falls, Sheb'n co., W.
Silver Creek	John Muller	118	7	...	...	...	...	108	29	...	...	...	100	292	1,200	Freeport, Ill.
	Total	1026	123	107	76	21	19	1567	264	2	1187	...	370	$7,997 95	$10,566 64	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Charles Wilson, Missionary, Two Rivers, Wis. Rev. K. Vander Schuur, Sheboygan, Falls, Wis. Rev. H. G. Klyn, Chicago, Ill.

* Pastor elect. * Formerly Yorktown.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA FOR THE YEAR 1870.

CLASSES.	Churches	Ministers	Candidates	Number of Families	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd By Certificate	Now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	No. of Catechumens	No. in Biblical Instruction	Total No. of S. S. Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes	STATED CLERKS.
Classis of Albany	17	16	..	1467	165	29	2755	119	43	1105	1584	1878	$21,284 29	$43,191 54	Rev. Jeremiah Searle.
Classis of Arcot	15	11	2	525	68	71	563	143	91	455	....	....	....	....	Jared W. Scudder.
Classis of Bergen	12	13		947	73	87	906	99	11	734	657	206	3,532 34	18,671 53	George H. Fisher.
South Classis of Bergen	17	21	1	1850	136	195	2795	189	31	2233	2182	324	26,122 10	86,265	Wm. Rankin Duryee.
Classis of Cayuga	12	12	..	667	128	36	802	34	57	800	800	935	21,118 17	15,938 58	M Luther Berger.
Classis of Geneva	19	12	..	1287	112	48	1856	85	14	492	605	882	2,757 17	14,819 66	John Whitbeck.
Classis of Grand River	8	6	..	871	152	109	978	217	9	614	....	610	3,628 19	18,602 35	M. Kiekintveld.
Classis of Greene	11	10	..	808	29	20	1177	21	8	240	284	858	1,946 60	18,845 31	Francis A Horton.
Classis of Holland	16	12	..	963	126	103	1576	244	1	1114	40	685	5,157 46	12,847 21	E. Christian Oggel
Classis of Hudson	9	12	..	1010	81	24	1515	48	26	585	601	1240	4,485 54	16,095 42	John G. Johnson.
Classis of Illinois	14	18	..	958	63	62	1290	119	13	643	540	1319	2,768 65	19,521 66	J. S. Jonalmon.
Classis of Kingston	13	10	..	1389	135	56	1971	100	43	561	675	1506	3,947 50	25,904 98	Philip Peltz.
North Classis of Long Island	16	21	..	2138	310	146	3320	248	88	2107	2875	3471	3,888 84	73,460 82	W. H. Ten Eyck
South Classis of Long Island	14	16	..	1771	147	180	3314	147	20	1792	1633	2747	38,554 04	72,851 45	Maurice G Hansen.
Classis of Michigan	9	7	..	408	33	49	564	21	10	140	494	789	630 18	7,465 34	J. W. Beardslee
Classis of Monmouth	8	10	..	620	57	25	1019	31	29	492	885	645	1,852 56	19,978	James Bolton.
Classis of Montgomery	28	15	..	1200	88	28	1243	39	24	220	500	1085	1,651 78	17,875 73	A. J. Hageman.
Classis of New Brunswick	10	20	..	1068	108	84	2012	61	19	681	651	1881	8,212 27	2,828	E. T. Corwin.
Classis of New York	17	33	..	2279	161	131	4263	144	43	1337	725	4763	52,696 87	61,918 22	William H. Clark.
South Classis of New York	6	7	1	485	82	30	1465	183	7	607	889	1193	5,384 07	24,860 55	S. H Meeker.
Classis of Orange	22	25	..	1916	174	49	2780	100	29	776	1055	1890	3,143 59	42,071 18	E. W. Bentley.
Classis of Paramus	18	18	..	1730	123	102	2490	117	31	1403	1140	2135	6,304 12	49,640 33	J. Paschal Strong
Classis of Passaic	13	16	..	918	39	50	1572	140	11	654	825	1030	2,080 96	13,413 52	John Steele.
Classis of Philadelphia	14	16	..	1621	145	112	2734	82	47	690	544	2308	7,093 03	36,495 07	James L. Amerman.
Classis of Poughkeepsie	11	17	..	1028	124	66	2081	38	70	819	731	1283	10,868 04	11,299 81	Charles S. Hageman.
Classis of Raritan	16	20	..	1556	213	126	2860	108	48	494	268	1493	14,556 76	28,267 79	John F. Mesick.
Classis of Rensselaer	13	14	..	1422	137	45	1854	28	54	177	475	1221	4,430 94	41,875 01	Elbert Nevius
Classis of Saratoga	16	13	..	1020	47	41	1546	40	14	142	449	761	2,632 19	17,323 48	Charles N Waldron.
Classis of Schenectady	13	15	..	1435	51	11	2017	47	21	410	900	1705	1,393	15,565	John A DeBaun.
Classis of Schoharie	12	7	..	642	23	7	951	25	17	107	322	662	239 51	5,720 55	Edwin Vedder.
Classis of Ulster	13	17	..	1148	58	51	1870	92	10	450	446	1155	5,358 08	17,870 24	Nathan F. Chapman.
Classis of Westchester	15	15	1	901	122	64	1710	53	28	856	1161	1314	6,169 98	48,097 30	Charles D. Buck.
Classis of Wisconsin	20	14	..	1026	123	107	1567	264	2	1187	....	870	7,997 95	10,566 61	A. Zwemer.
	464	498	5	38552	3628	2294	61144	3421	974	22476	23886	48411	$231,647 36	$906,084 27	

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented their report which was accepted and adopted, with the exception of so much as relates to a form for the public reception of members to full communion, which was referred to the Committee on the Liturgy.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would present the following report:

They have examined the Acts and Proceedings of the last General Synod, and the minutes of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany, Chicago, and New Brunswick.

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick we find an overture respecting the matter of dissolution of the pastoral relation.

This matter came before General Synod in a special communication, and was referred to the appropriate committee. Your Committee, therefore, make no further report thereon.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. VAN VRANKEN,
Chairman.

The Committee on Overtures presented the following report, which was amended and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures begs leave to present the following report:

The following documents have been put in their hands:

1st. A resolution of the South Classis of Long Island, recommending Mr. Peter B. Crolius to Synod for a dispensation from the regular course of study for the ministry.

2nd. A request from the Classis of Greene, asking permission to examine Lewis Lampman for licensure to preach the Gospel.

3rd. A letter from Alfred E. Myers, asking in his own name for permission to be examined by the South Classis of Long Island for licensure to preach the Gospel.

4th. A communication from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick in relation to the tenure of the pastoral office in certain cases.

Your Committee have examined the Minutes of the General Synod for the last twenty years, and find in that time about forty-four ap-

plications for dispensations, only three of which appear to have been rejected. These applications are various in their characters, seeking relief either from the study of the languages, or from a collegiate course, or from the usual attendance at the Seminary, in full or in part. Students have not unfrequently passed from other Seminaries to our own, by permission of the Synod, or in the opposite direction. The applications also come from different sources—the Classis or the individual, and once at least from the Board of Superintendents. The individual applications are generally, though not always, indorsed by Classis, or ministerial friends. The latter is sometimes verbally done before the Synod's Committee. Frequently the substance of the Synod's action amounts simply to referring the request back to the discretion of Classis.

It appears that the number of dispensations for the last score of years, averages only about two per year. This is not an unduly large number, considering the pressing necessities for ministers,—a sufficient number of whom is not furnished through the regular educational institutions. The wants of humanity are pressing. The subject even of lay preaching, under certain conditions, is being earnestly considered in other quarters. The cry for the "bread of life" must be responded to. "He gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

Satisfactory explanations and representations, concerning each of these applications, have been made to your Committee by ministerial friends of the applicants. After listening to these, your Committee (though at first some scruples were entertained by a portion of the Committee,) unanimously agreed that the said applications be granted.

Your Committee, however, entertains the conviction that these laws of the church were adopted upon a most wise regard to the true nature and preparation for the ministerial office, and that every requirement as to places and courses of study was deliberately and solemnly laid down. Upon this basis, also, the church has been called upon to endow our Theological schools. The Constitution made no provision for, nor did it contemplate the granting of dispensations. Therefore

Resolved, That it is the duty of pastors to discourage such appli

cations, and to urge upon those contemplating preparation for the work of the ministry to enter our own institutions.

The fourth paper put in the hands of your Committee, refers to the forcible dissolution of the pastoral relation in certain cases. The report of the Committee on this subject, proposing a constitutional amendment, was stricken out.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. H. FISHER,
Chairman.

The Committee on Overtures of the last General Synod presented the following Report on the subject of Free Masonry, which had been referred to them. (See Minutes, Vol. II., p. 622.)

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

The Committe to whom the last General Synod referred that part of the report of the Committee on Overtures relating to Free Masonry for further consideration, respectfully report that, after a careful review of the whole subject, they feel constrained to present substantially the same views as those contained in last year's report.

The history of this matter is as follows:

In 1868 the Classis of Wisconsin and the Classis of Holland sent communications to the General Synod in regard to the institution of Free Masonry, requesting of Synod "a distinct utterance of its disapprobation of the connection of the Lord's people with said institution."

The Synod replied that it "did not consider it proper to express an opinion on the case," on the ground that "the uniform usage of the Church has been to abstain from deliverance upon all abstract questions, which are not purely ecclesiastical, or which may involve the exercise of consistorial discipline."

These Classes, not being satisfied with this action of Synod, transmitted two additional documents to the last General Synod on the same subject.

Our brethren are evidently sincere and earnest in their convictions. They are greatly perplexed on account of what they perceive to be a serious evil in the Church, and they have done well to state their difficulties. We cannot think, however, that they expect from Synod such a deliverance as would authorize Consistories to exclude Free Masons from church fellowship, for this would be to establish a new

and unauthorized test of membership in the Christian Church, and would interfere with consistorial prerogatives.

But at the same time your Committee believe that the path of prudence and safety lies outside of *all* oath-bound secret societies, in connection with which obligations may be exacted which conflict with the liberty of the individual Christian conscience.

Moreover, they are convinced that the ordinances of the Christian religion, in connection with a divinely appointed ministry, if faithfully attended to, furnish all needful moral and spiritual culture, while the Christian Church possesses, in its holy teachings, and its pledges of mutual love, a far higher capacity for the development of practical benevolence than can be found in the moral lessons of any mere human organization.

Respectfully submitted.

P. D. VAN CLEEF,
AB'M. MESSLER,
WM. H. CROSBY,
JOHNSON LETSON,
JOHN FORSYTH,
PHILIP PHELPS.

Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

An appeal by Rev. William Demarest, from a decision of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, sustaining the action of the Classis of Paramus in dissolving the pastoral relation between Mr. D. and the Church of Ramapo, was received with accompanying documents, and referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

Three appeals by Rev. G. W. Connitt, from decisions of the Particular Synod of New York, were received with accompanying documents and referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented their report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Judicial Business respectfully report that they have had referred to them the documents in the case of Rev. Wm. Demarest, who appeals from the decision of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick. Said appeal has been brought regularly before this Synod. All the constitutional steps have been taken. The

documents in the hands of the Committee have been arranged, and the Committee recommend that the General Synod proceed to try said appeal according to the prescribed order as laid down in the rules.

The Committee also report that they have examined the three appeals of the Rev. G. W. Connitt, from the action of the Particular Synod of New York, sustaining the action of the Classis of Orange, viz:

1. In dissolving, May 3, 1869, the pastoral relation between himself and the Church of New Prospect.

2. In enjoining, July 19, 1869, his abstinence from pastoral functions in said church.

3. In suspending him from the gospel ministry, Sept. 30, 1869.

The appeals and documents are found to be in regular form, and the Committee recommend that the appeals be taken up by this Synod, according to the rules prescribed for the order of trial.

J. B. ALLIGER, *Chairman.*

Synod took up the appeal of the Rev. Wm. Demarest from a decision of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The President reminded the members of the Synod that they were about to proceed to the consideration of Judicial Business.

Rev. W. J. R. Taylor was recognized as a Commissioner from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The case was conducted in the following order:

1. The sentence appealed from was read.
2. The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.
3. All the documents in the case were read.
4. The Appellant was heard.
5. The Commissioner of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick was heard in explanation of the action of the Synod in the case.
6. The Appellant was heard in reply.
7. The parties, the Appellant and Commissioner from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick having withdrawn, the Synod proceeded to deliberate.

The roll was called, and the members expressed their opinions. It was

Resolved, That the decision of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick be confirmed.

The ayes and nays having been demanded, the roll was called with the following result:

Ayes.—E. C. Scudder, A. J. Sebring, D. A. Jones, W. H. Philip, Stephen Rossman, Richard DeWitt, Philip Peltz, A. Blauvelt, E. Deyo, J. B. Alliger, W. B. Ostrom, D. S. Sutphen, C. R. Blauvelt, Charles Lott, G. H. Mandeville, James Anderson, H. P. Allen, T. G. Watson, M. S. Hutton, Richard H. Bull, A. B. Van Zandt, M. V. Schoonmaker, D. W. Rapelye, H. Ward, Walter Brett, J. B. Jones, Jno. K. Allen, J. A. Todd, D. Cole, Sanford Cobb, D. S. Rowe, Rob't H. Pruyn, Jas. Taylor, A. G. Vermilye, G. C. Churchill, W. G. E. See, F. A. Horton, G. W. Lindsey, J. A. Green, O. Lampman, A. J. Hageman, R. M. Stanbrough, L. H. Van Deusen, P. P. Snell, G. Timmerman, E. N. Sebring, W. Anderson, C. S. Mead, P. Furbeck, Daniel Hilt, John Minor, J. A. DeBaun, A. Putnam, M. Winne, John Bassler, J. W. Hammond, A. H. Van Vranken, A. T. Stewart, U. D. Gulick, E. P. Livingston, A. J. Hageman, J. Van Nostrand, J. Gardner, I. P. Brokaw, W. H. Kirk, E. T. Corwin, J. S. Hoagland, J. V. D. Hoagland, I. M. Dederer, James L. Amerman, H. S. Krusen, W. Van Benschoten, W. Bailey, R. H. Veghte, J. A. Schenck.—*Total*, 75.

Nays.—A. McKelvy, J. H. Carroll, T. L. Mason, H. D. Ganse, Fred'k Hughson, E. C. Cook, E. W. Bentley, A. C. Millspaugh, W. H. Ballagh, W. A. Wurts, J. W. Warnshuis, Minor Swick, P. B. Bahler, Jas. M. Compton, A. S. Hoyt, Denis Wortman, Edward Miller, Jno. C. F. Hoes, T. P. Osterhoudt, I. Collier, P. DePree, R. Pieters, D. Broeck, J. H: Karsten, A. Kriekaard, F. Van Driel, J. H. Ballagh, P. Van Buskirk, B. C. Taylor, T. W. Wells, J. A. Williamson, Jas. Demarest, C. B. Durand, P. S. Talmage, Wm. H. DeHart.—*Total*, 35.

Absent without leave.—S. F. Farmer, F. J. Hosford, F. M. Kip, A. F. Munn, W. H. Hoes, Nicholas Cain, D. N. Vanderveer, James Kiersted, A. A. Zabriskie, C. D. Hartranft, W. R. Janeway.—*Total*, 11.

F. N. Zabriskie, Isaac Riley, J. L. Danner, and John R. Smith requested to have their names recorded in the affirmative.

L. O. Hammond requested to have his name recorded in the negative.

Synod took up the appeal (No. 1) of the Rev. G. W. Connitt, from a decision of the Particular Synod of New York.

The President reminded the members of the Synod that they were about to proceed to the consideration of Judicial Business.

Rev. A. B. Van Zandt was recognized as a Commissioner from the Classis of Orange.

Rev. M. S. Hutton was recognized as a Commissioner from the Particular Synod of New York.

The case was conducted in the following order:

1. The sentence appealed from was read.
2. The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.
3. All the documents in the case were read.
4. The Appellant was heard.
5. The Commissioner of the Classis of Orange was heard.
6. The Commissioner of the Particular Synod of New York was heard.
7. The Appellant was heard in reply.
8. The parties, embracing the Appellant, the Commissioner from the Classis of Orange, and the Commissioner from the Particular Synod of New York having withdrawn, the Synod proceeded to deliberate.

The roll was called and the members expressed their opinions.

It was resolved that the decision of the Particular Synod of New York be confirmed.

The ayes and nays having been demanded, the roll was called with the following result:

Ayes.—A. J. Sebring, David A Jones, Richard DeWitt, Augustus Blauvelt, J. B. Alliger, Wm. B. Ostrom, Theodore L. Mason, James Anderson, J. L. Danner, John R. Smith, D. W. Rapalye, J. B. Jones, Walter Brett, David Cole, W. H. Ballagh, A. G. Vermilye, W. G. E. See, G. W. Lindsey, Obadiah Lampman, R M. Stanbrough, P. P. Snell, E. N. Sebring, Dan'l Hilt, Jno. A. DeBaun, F. N. Zabriskie, W. H. Philip, Philip Peltz, Elting Deyo, A. McKelvey, C. R. Blauvelt, Isaac Riley, Thomas G. Watson, Richard H. Bull, Henry Ward, F. M. Kip, J. K. Allen, J. A. Todd, S. Cobb, Rob't H. Pruyn, G. C. Churchill, Francis A. Horton, John A. Green, A. J. Hageman, L. H. Van Dusen, G. Timmerman, C. S. Mead, Jno. Minor, Denis Wortman, A. Putnam, Matthew Winne, A. T. Stewart, L. O. Hammond, E. P. Livingston, P. V. Van Buskirk, Jas. Gardner, Isaac P. Brokaw, James A. Williamson, E. T. Corwin, W. R. Janeway, A. H. Myers, C. B. Durand, James L. Amerman, Wm. Van Benschoten, J. A. H. Cornell, John A. Schenck, John Bassler, A. H. Van Vranken, Isaac Collier, U. D. Gulick, A. Hageman, Jacob Van Ostrand, T. W. Wells, W. H. Kirk, C. D. Hartranft,

John S. Hoagland, J. V. D. Hoagland, Edo Kip, John N. Jansen, H. S. Krusen, Wm. Reiley, Rynier H. Veghte.—*Total*, 81.

Nays.—J. H. Carroll, F. Hughson, J. W. Warnshuis, Edward Miller, Tunis P. Osterhoudt, J. H. Ballagh, William Demarest, Wm. H. DeHart, F. J. Hosford, W. A. Wurts, J. M. Compton, J. C. F. Hoes, F. Van Driel, Geo. H. Fisher, James Demarest.—*Total*, 15.

Excused from Voting.—A. F. Munn, R. Pieters, P. B. Bahler, A. A. Zabriskie.—*Total*, 4.

Absent without Leave.—S. F. Farmer, D. S. Rowe, Nicholas Cain, James Kiersted, D. Broeck. A. Kreikaard, P. Stryker Talmage, Jas. Taylor, Minor Swick, D. N. Van Derveer, Peter DePree, J. H. Karsten, F. H. Van Derveer.—*Total*, 13.

Rev. G. W. Connitt appeared before the Synod, and requested leave to withdraw the two remaining appeals.

The request was unanimously granted.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Reports of the votes of the Classes on the amendments to the Constitution referred to them were presented, and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Isaac Collier, R. M. Stanbrough, and Elder Elting Deyo.

The Committee presented their report, which was accepted.

A number of the Classes having failed to communicate reports of their action to the Synod, it was

Resolved, That the further consideration of the report be deferred to the next General Synod, and that the Stated Clerk call the attention of these Classes to the omission.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, Rev. Dr. Ormiston, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Hamilton, Canada, has received a call from one of our churches;

Resolved, That in the event of the acceptance of that call, Dr. Ormiston be exempted from the operation of that rule concerning the reception of ministers, which requires a foreign minister to undergo a probation of one year under the care of a Classis.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

The Committee on Hymnology presented a report, which was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. E. T. Corwin, Isaac Riley, and Elder Edo Kip.

The Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Hymnology, respectfully report as follows:

First.—The words "Reformed Church in America" having been placed on the title page of the "Hymns of the Church," and the Liturgy having been appended according to the direction of General Synod, your Committee recommend that the resolution of last year be reaffirmed, namely:

Resolved, That the General Synod approves and authorizes the book entitled Hymns of the Church, and recommends it to all churches, families, and individuals.

Second.—That they have examined the materials put into their hands for the book of hymns for the children, and find it, both as to form and matter, such as should receive the endorsement of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

E. T. CORWIN, *Chairman.*

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of Rev. E. S. Porter, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The undersigned have had referred to them a letter from Rev. Elbert S. Porter, D.D., setting forth that in 1868 the General Synod appointed him Chairman of a Committee to revise the Liturgy of our Church, and asks the Synod to discharge him from the said appointment and duty, on the plea that he has never found time to devote to them, even to the extent of convening the Committee.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That Dr. Porter be discharged, agreeably to his request, from service on the Committee.

2. That this Synod deem the subject of the revision of our Liturgy of too great importance to be overlooked, and do hereby reappoint the Committee of 1868, adding to it other ministers and another elder, so that it shall stand as follows:

Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D., Rev. J. B. Thompson, Rev. T. C.

Strong, D.D., Rev. W. R. Duryea, Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, D.D., Rev. Alexander R. Thompson, D.D. *Elders*—Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, Jacob B. Jewett, Robert H. Pruyn.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID COLE,
J. A. H. CORNELL,
THEODORE L. MASON, } *Committee.*

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The thirty-eighth Annual Report of the Board of Education was received, and referred to the Committee on Education with the exception of so much as refers to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education was received, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Education to whom was referred the report of the Board of Education by the Secretary, and the financial statements of the funds of the Church by the respective Treasurers—J. C. Elmendorf, F. J. Hosford, and John I. Brower, would report:

1. That the financial condition of the Board is encouraging. Its receipts have exceeded those of the previous year by $879 66, and there has been an increase to the number of contributing churches, of 13, making 254: the largest number that has been reached in any year. If the remaining non-contributing churches had also come up to the performance of their duty, the income in its receipts would have made them sufficient for all its wants.

Can any Pastor or Consistory intelligently and earnestly pray, "Our Father which art in Heaven, thy kingdom come," and not seek to lead up the Church under their care, to contribute an annual collection to this great cause.

2d. There has been an increase in the number of students for the ministry. The whole number under the care of the Board has been 67: being 9 more than in the previous year, and 20 more than in 1865. Of the above number, 8 have graduated from our Theological institutions at New Brunswick, and at Holland City; but they are too few to meet the demand coming up from vacant churches,

and from missionary fields. Connect with this the fact that there are already more applications before the Board than can be accepted, and we have presented a powerful reason for increasing our contributions to its fund.

3. Further encouragement is found in Hope College, which has been aided for another year by the Board. The report seeks to present its importance, but necessarily fails in this respect. How can mere words, including statistics, bring before any mind the importance of furnishing our Church in the Western States with an adequate Christian ministry. One must live in the wide field long enough to learn its extent, and mark the moral forces that are there striving for the mastery. He must view the ground already lost, and the danger of losing more by delaying to occupy it, and see the Churches springing up under the labors of men who were educated, either in part or in whole, at our Western Institution, to have anything like an adequate conception of the importance of sustaining it. No where in our history has the same amount of success attended an equal outlay of money and labor. In 1853, when this institution was first received under the care of Synod, it was nothing more than a semi parochial school. To-day it is a carefully organized institution with several departments. But we do not repeat the statistics of the Annual Report of the Council, inasmuch as that pertains to the Committee on the Professorate.

The report also speaks of the parochial schools under the care of the Board, and of a new school in Virginia, called Amelia Institute. Of the latter it gives a history which excites our interest and our hopes, and of the former, it presents an unqualified endorsement, together with a strong argument composed mainly of extracts from the minutes of former Synods favoring the establishment of such schools.

The two requests made by the Board, one that it shall be known hereafter under the corporate name and style of "The Board of Education of the Reformed Church in America;" and the other that a security fund be established with a capital of about $5,000, to meet certain difficulties mentioned in the Report, seem worthy of the Synod's approval. The latter of these requests, however, would have been unnecessary, if all the churches had contributed to the support of the Board. Oh, that a system of benevolence, embracing the different objects so often approved by the General Synod, might receive practical favor with all our ministers and consistories, and be

so advocated by them that every member in our churches and congregations might be presented with an annual opportunity of giving what he would to a part or all of these objects. Then would our treasury be filled, and complaints of inability cease.

In view of the above considerations, your Committee would recommend the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That while there is cause for thankfulness in the increased receipts and widening influences of the Board, there is also a need of having its income increased by an annual contribution from all the churches.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod approve the action of the Board in securing a corporate existence and name under the style of "The Board of Education of the Reformed Church in America."

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod approve the plan and purpose of the Board to secure a capital of $5,000 to meet its needs arising from certain specified causes, to be called "The Security Fund of the Board of Education of the Reformed Church in America."

4. *Resolved*, That the last Thursday in February be observed as a day of special prayer for colleges and schools of learning, and that the pastors throughout our denomination be requested to preach on the subject of Christian education on the preceding Sabbath.

Respectfully submitted.

ABEL T. STEWART, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Education whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that Rev. T. W. Chambers, John Gaston, John Steele, Mr. John Lefferts, J. D. Prince, C. Dusenberry, Jacob B. Jewett, and Walter Brett were chosen to fill said Board.

ARTICLE XIII.

CHURCH COLLEGES.

The following Report of the Council of Hope College was presented, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

The Council of Hope College beg leave to present their Annual Report, as follows:

I. ORGANIZATION.

At the regular meeting of the Council. held June 17th, 1869, an official copy of the action of the preceding General Synod with reference to Hope College was read.

The Council was organized by the re-election of the following officers:

Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, *President;* Rev. J. S. Joralmon, *Vice-President;* Rev. A. T. Stewart, *Secretary;* Rev. P. J. Oggel, *Treasurer.* It was

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the Council, together with the Theological Professors, be appointed to receive students into the Theological School.

Also, that the meeting for examining the students of the Theological Department, and the Seniors of the Academic Department, be held at the time fixed for theological examinations at Hertzog Hall.

II. THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

In accordance with previous action, the Council was duly convened in the College Library on Tuesday, May 17th, at 2 P. M. The following members were present:

Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, in the chair; Rev. S. Bolks, Rev. E. C. Oggel, representing the Classis of Holland; Rev. J. S. Joralmon, Rev. A. Thompson, Elder L. S. Viele, representing the Classis of Illinois; Rev. A. T. Stewart, Rev. J. W. Beardslee, representing the Classis of Michigan; Rev. C. E. Crispell, representing the Theological Faulty; Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr., representing the Institution.

The Classis of Wisconsin was not represented; and the Classis of Grand River was not yet entitled to representation.

From the report of the Theological Faculty, it appeared that the following students had been in attendance during the year:

Senior Class.

James DePree, Eune J. Heeren,
John Huizenga, Balster Van Ess.

Middle Class.

John Broek, Gerrit Van DeKreeke,
William Visscher.

Junior Class.

Harm Borgers, Evert Vander Hart.

Of the consistency and diligence of the students, the Faculty speak in commendatory terms. The existence of a missionary spirit is particularly noticed, and one of the Class about to enter the ministry, Mr. E. J. Heeren, has devoted himself to the foreign field.

During the past year an increase of labor has been devolved on the Theological Instructors, by the sickness and death of Prof. Oggel, and the absence of Dr. Phelps, in behalf of the endowment, by appointment of Council, since the beginning of February. At the request of the Council, Dr. Crispell has had charge of Pastoral Theology; Prof. Beck, of Exegesis; and Prof. Scott, of Church Government, in addition to the branches assigned them by Synod.

Professors Beck and Scott have informed the Council that the time for which they were originally invited to act as Lectors has now expired; and it seems necessary that the Synod should make such provision as may serve to meet this view, and as may be requisite to carry on the course of study.

The examination of the several classes was conducted by the Professors and Lectors, under the superintendence of the Council.

During the year, the members of the Senior and Middle Classes have preached in the chapel both in the English and Hollandish languages. The rules of Synod with respect to general preaching have been strictly observed.

The Senior Class was examined in personal experience and views of the ministry; and, together with the Middle Class, presented specimens of sermonizing. It was

Resolved, That the examinations be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Theological Faculty for the customary certificate.

The closing address to the students was made by Dr. Van Raalte.

III. ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT.

The number of students in this department during the year has been as follows: Seniors, 7; Juniors, 7; Sophomores, 4; Freshmen, 5; whole number, 23.

In pursuance of previous action, the senior under-graduates were examined at the same meeting at which the Theological examina-

tions were held; and the time for the Commencement Week was appointed to begin Wednesday, June 15th, and close on Tuesday evening, June 21st, during the course of which week the remaining examinations will be held.

The examination of the Senior Class in Moral Philosophy was conducted by Rev. A. T. Stewart, who had had charge of this branch of instruction during the absence of Dr. Phelps; and the thanks of the Council were tendered to Brother Stewart for the able and faithful manner in which he had discharged his trust.

The instruction in Modern Languages, both in this and in the Preparatory Department, has been given by Tutor Cornelius Doesberg.

At least two of the Seniors of this Department are expected to apply for admission into the Theological School.

IV. PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

Seventy-one pupils have been included in the four classes of the Grammar School during the past year, making the number in the whole Institution one hundred and three.

The chief instruction in this Department has been rendered by Tutor Wm. A. Shields, in which he has been assisted by several of the older students.

The annual examination is to take place under the supervision of the Executive Committee, immediately before the Commencement Week.

Feeling the importance of the Grammar School, as the foundation of the whole Institution, the Council have, among other steps f r its improvement, been endeavoring to secure for it a suitable Rector.

V. HOPE FARM.

This possession was so seriously endangered by a debt of five thousand dollars, that a special application was made to James Suydam, Esq., for a donation of that amount, in order to secure the property. At the same time, the same brother was solicited to remove the indebtedness resting on the Contingent Fund, and reported to the last Synod.

Perceiving how serious a burden the contingent debt was in the infancy of the treasury, and how disastrous it might prove to be, Mr. Suydam, moved by the sympathy which had led him at previous times to contribute largely to the Institution, sent his check for

five thousand dollars in answer to the appeal. And having become convinced of the great importance of securing to the College a tract so full of promise, and so peculiar in position, this distinguished benefactor of all the departments of our Church privately furnished an additional donation of five thousand dollars for the real estate.

Soon after the reception of these generous gifts, a special meeting of the Council was held, and their warmest thanks were tendered to Elder Suydam for his most timely and effective interposition in behalf of Hope College. And in order that there might remain a lasting memorial of their gratitude, it was

Resolved, That the tract heretofore known as Hope Farm, be called "The James Suydam Farm of Hope College," under which designation it will hereafter appear.

VI. ENDOWMENT.

Your Council have now received from the Treasurer of the General Synod the full sum of $30,000, donated by the Synod in 1864, and requisite for a charter.

In pursuance of the action of the Synod, empowering the Council to take steps for completing the endowment, we have commissioned Dr. Phelps to resume his labors in its behalf. The total amount paid to the Treasurer of the Synod, somewhat exceeds $50,000, of which about $18,000 was obtained among the Hollandish Churches at the West, chiefly through the exertions of the late Prof. Oggel. A detailed statement of contributions from individuals and churches, is in process of preparation, but cannot be finished in time for this Synod.

VII. CONTINGENT FUND.

The following is an abstract of the contingent receipts and expenditures during the financial year, ending April 1, 1870.

RECEIPTS.

Endowment interest	$1,480	12
Fees	924	
Donation of James Suydam, Esq.	5,000	
Other donations	218	05
Amount of receipts	$7,622	17

EXPENDITURES.

Indebtedness as per last report	$4,942 63
Salaries	1,824 55
Traveling expenses of Council and Committee	295 29
Janitor	254 42
Building repairs	255 60
Grounds	52 55
Furniture	191 82
Library	3 75
School requisites	145 30
Rent	24 50
Commencement expenses	4 75
Printing	9 26
Lights and fuel	154 33
Cleaning	24 23
Interest	413 60
Funeral expenses of the late Prof. Oggel	108 86
Sundries	82 87
Amount of expenditures	$8,788 31
" receipts,	7,622 17
Deficiency	$1,166 14

In addition to this deficiency, there is due for salaries, etc., till April 1, 1870, about $500, but the entire liabilities are covered by the sums yet due for endowment interest and fees.

The preceding amount of endowment interest ($1,480 12) includes donations for special interest as follows:

From James A. Williamson	$100
" James Suydam	70
" Maurice E. Viele	105
" Robert H. Pruyn	100
" William T. Runk	50
" James Myers	25
	$450

These sums were paid by special agreement, to meet interest on the endowment invested in Hope Farm. In the same manner the report of last year included, in its endowment interest, a previous donation of $100 from James A. Williamson, Esq.

Rev. E. C. Oggel has been appointed Treasurer of the Council, in place of his brother, deceased.

VIII. CONCLUSION.

In conclusion your Council record, with gratitude, the following among the gifts of the year.

Samuel B. Schieffelin, Esq., who has been an unwearied benefactor of the Institution, in so many ways from its earliest stage, has continued to furnish the reading-room with a number of periodicals; has sent some valuable coins for its museum, and together with his brother, Mr. James L. Schieffelin and others, has contributed liberally to the support of a Japanese student at the College, and to the defrayal of endowment expenses.

Rev. James H. Mason Knox, D.D., has given to the College Library a complete file of the *Christian Intelligencer* (except only the first volume) up to the year ——, which had been kept by his late venerated father, Rev. Dr. John Knox; and Mr. Charles Van Wyck has supplemented the set till the present date.

The widow of the late Rev. David Dyer, city missionary at Albany, N. Y., has given his collection of pamphlets, in accordance with the wishes of Bro. Dyer, as expressed before his death.

Mrs. Jonathan Sturges has also sent a box of valuable pamphlets.

The Institution has received marked tokens of the Divine favor, during the year. Yet amid them there came a heavy stroke. Our beloved associate, Professor Oggel, after a protracted illness, was called to his rest in December last. This bereavement was not unexpected, but it will long be felt by the College with which his labors were identified in so many ways. Of those labors, he has left behind him a witness in the excellence and usefulness of *De Hope*, which was established chiefly through his instrumentality. In his early death we are reminded again of the shortness of our time on earth for our Master's service.

Rev. E. C. Oggel has been appointed by the Council, Editor of *De Hope*, in place of his brother, deceased.

Accompanying the report is a copy of a Constitution for the whole school, which we recommend to the General Synod for consideration and adoption. It is the same in substance as a paper already adopted by the Synod in 1866.

The preceding report was adopted at the closing session of the Council on Friday, May 20th, and is by their order transmitted to the General Synod.

Attested by

ABEL T. STEWART,
Secretary.

The following persons, nominated by the Particular Synod of Chicago, were elected members of the Council of Hope College:

Classis of Michigan,		Rev.	J. W. Beardslee.
"	Grand River,	"	A. Kriekaard, for full term.
"	"	"	C. Vandermeulen.
"	"	"	W. A. Houbolt.
"	"	"	Elder K. Brouwer.
"	Holland.	"	J. Vandermeulen, to fill vacancy.
"	"	"	S. Bolks, for full term.
"	Illinois,	"	James Demarest, Jr.
"	Wisconsin,	"	John Muller.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

The Committee on the Professorate presented the following report which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Professorate respectfully report in regard to the various matters presented for their consideration.

I. THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Board of Superintendents report upon the various subjects brought before them, very few of which topics call for the action of the Synod. Several of the students have been interrupted in their studies, but have given satisfaction to the Board.

According to recommendation, we propose the following:

Resolved, That Mr. William J. Hill be admitted to the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, as a member of the Middle Class,

The Report of the Board also suggests the establishment of two lectureships in the Theological Seminary: one to treat of the connection of science and Revelation; and the second to treat of the theory, practice and history of Ecclesiastical Music.

Your Committee feel that these important topics ought not to be

neglected. If they do not now receive the full attention which they deserve, the fault is not in the lack of provision on the part of the Synod.

The Professor of Pastoral Duties, as we are informed, includes a reference to music in his regular course of lectures. The Chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology doubtless includes attention to all "the oppositions of science, falsely so called," against the truth which may arise in our times, as well as the heresies and untruths which may have lived or died in former years. The Synod respectfully asks the attention of these Professors to the subjects indicated by the Board.

The Board notice with entire and unqualified approval "changes made in the Theological Hall, both in regard to the repairs upon the buildings and the internal regulations." In this approval your committee suggests the hearty concurrence of the Synod.

Resolved, That the General Synod, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board, authorize the Standing Committee on the Theological Hall, to co-operate with the authorities of the city of New Brunswick or land owners in the neighborhood, in the proposed extension of George street northward, beyond the Seminary grounds.

Resolved, That the Synod hereby grants a site in the Seminary grounds for the erection of a fire-proof building for the Library of the Theological Seminary, such site to be chosen between the Hall and Professor Demarest's residence, by the Standing Committee on Hertzog Hall, under whose direction the building be erected whenever the funds shall have been obtained for that object.

Resolved, That the Synod expresses its high appreciation of the liberality of Messrs. James Suydam and Gardner A. Sage, in giving to the Synod a residence for the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology—rejoicing that the donors do not grow weary in well doing in behalf of this school of the prophets, and trusting that they may reap a rich harvest of satisfaction from giving so wisely, as well as munificently, to this good cause.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk communicate this resolution to Messrs. Suydam and Sage.

Resolved, That the Synod hereby directs that the term of office of the present members of the Standing Committee on the Theological Hall be extended to three years, with the view of carrying

out the improvements already begun, as indicated in the report of that committee.

The Report of the Board of Direction states that Rev. Dr. Cornell had secured, up to April 30th of the present year, $112,450, including $40,000 from Mr. James Suydam, reported a year ago. Of this amount $56,950 is for the Permanent Fund, $37,500 for the Seminary Library, and $18,000 for the purchase of a residence for the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, the gift of Messrs. Suydam and Sage. It is proposed to continue the labors of Dr. Cornell "until the Fund shall reach such a sum that the interest thereon will be adequate to all the wants of the Church." To make the way as clear as possible for this purpose, the resolution to continue the Hertzog Hall Committee for three years is pressed upon the attention of the Synod.

In connection with this subject, we propose the following action for Synod:

Whereas, The endowment of the Theological Seminary, so wondrously blessed of God, has not been participated in by the masses of our people, though they so deeply love our institution; therefore,

Resolved, That Pastors and Consistories be urged to take action to have all their congregations interested in this work, and share in the blessings which our God bestows upon those who faithfully engage in His work.

Resolved, That the Synod once more commend, most fervently, Rev. Dr. Cornell to all our people, and trust that his work will continue to demonstrate God's favor upon it, and the love our people cherish for the Seminary.

Letters from Rev. A. R. Van Nest, D.D., and Mr. Ten Eyck Sutphen, inform us of the gift to the Seminary Library of 1,160 additional volumes with valuable pamphlets, under the will of the late Mrs. Dr. Bethune. We offer the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Hertzog Hall be authorized to receive these volumes and pamphlets, and, as soon as practicable, place them in the Library according to the terms of the will of Rev. Dr. Bethune.

II. HOPE COLLEGE.

The Report of the Council of Hope College states that the Council has been duly organized according to action of the General Synod of last year. The institution is prosperous and useful, as

it has ever been. The whole number of pupils is 103. Of these, 71 are in the Preparatory Department; 23 in the Academic Department. Of this number, seven are to be graduated this year, two of whom are expected to enter the Theological Seminary. In the Theological Seminary there were nine students, four of whom have received professorial certificates, with a view to licensure. One of these has given himself to Foreign Missions.

The College has met with a sad loss in the removal, by death, of Rev. P. J. Oggel. In the expression of grief, in view of his removal, this Synod may well share. One of our most cultivated, able and devoted ministers has been called from his work in his early ministry. The monuments of his wise and thorough devotion to the work of Christ and the Church, are to be found in the Churches to which he ministered; and in his labors as professor and editor especially must we note his efforts, so nobly seconded by our Hollandish brethren, who knew and therefore loved and confided in him, to endow Hope College.

The Council give us the gratifying information that Mr. James Suydam has again and again exercised his benevolence towards Hope College during the past year. His gift of $5,000 has relieved the Contingent Fund of the College, and another donation of like amount has removed the mortgage from Hope Farm, which is appropriately to be named in honor of Mr. Suydam. Other donations for the same Fund are acknowledged from Messrs. Williamson, Viele, Pruyn, Runk, and Myers, names familiar in the annals of faithful stewardship.

Our Church will best show her appreciation of the noble gifts alluded to, not by recording them in the Minutes of this body, but by doing likewise. An imperative necessity exists for like liberality, and the call is at hand. Rev. Dr. Phelps is in the field at the present time, to complete the endowment of the College. No one has so given to this object that he can say he ought not to repeat and enlarge his gifts. The work of the College seems to be done very economically, yet its endowment is totally inadequate, and the Board of Education has a heavy burden, though doing a blessed work, in supplementing the small amount accruing for the payment of the Professors. The following resolutions are proposed:

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly recommend the effort for the complete endowment of Hope College, and begs for it the attention which will at an early day place the College in a proper position to do its full work.

Resolved, That whilst many of the churches, as well as individuals, will be expected to repeat the gifts made at the beginning of this effort, the Synod urges them to do so, not only because necessity requires it, but because the work deserves all that it can receive.

Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, D.D., transmits to the Synod a letter, full of noble sentiments, in which he declines the Professorship of Evangelistic Theology to which he was elected at the last meeting of the General Synod. Dr. Van Raalte bases his declination upon the insuperable reasons "situation and loss of strength." Deeply regretting that Dr. Van Raalte's services cannot be enjoyed, the committee have no suggestions to make with regard to action in the premises,

A communication has been received from Professors Beck and Scott, of Hope College, stating that the term for which they had been invited to act as Lectors in the Theological Seminary, has expired. These brethren have performed more labor than the Synod anticipated when inviting them to this work. Their valuable services cannot be dispensed with at present. The following action is proposed:

Resolved, That the Synod gratefully recognizes the valuable services of Rev. T. Romeyn Beck and Charles Scott, under the invitation to act as Lectors in the Theological Department of Hope College, and does hereby appoint them to the same services for the next three years, authorizing them to sign the Professorial Certificates granted to students graduated from the Seminary.

Resolved, That the justice of some pecuniary compensation for the services of the Professors and Lectors in the Theological Seminary furnishes an additional reason for commending the full endowment of Hope College to the whole Church.

The Synod will gratefully acknowledge donations for the Library of the College. Fifty volumes from the Library of the late Rev. Joseph A. Collier, presented by his widow; sixty volumes from Rev. H. Vedder, "productions of some of the most eminent Holland divines;" periodicals and a collection of coins, from Mr. S. B. Schieffelin, from whom the College has received many kind services; a complete file of the *Christian Intelligencer*, begun by the late Rev. Dr. John Knox, now presented by Rev. James H. Mason Knox, D.D., and supplemented by the Publisher; the collection of pamphlets belonging to the late Rev. David Dyer, of Albany, N.

Y.; a box of valuable pamphlets, from Mrs. Jonathan Sturges of New York, containing a complete set of the Biblical Repertory.

Resolved, That the Council of Hope College be requested to present to General Synod, at its next meeting, a plan for its organization, and all details necessary, in their judgment, to promote the efficiency of the same, and that Synod now appoint a committee, whose duty it shall be to consider such plan and report thereon to next Synod, and that the Council be requested to submit such plan to said committee on or before the 1st day of January next, in order that such committee may have full time to consider and report on the same, with any amendments they may consider desirable, to Synod at its next annual Session.

Respectfully submitted.

PH. PELTZ, *Chairman.*

Rev. Philip Peltz, Isaac Ferris, Hervey D. Ganse, and Elders Robert H. Pruyn and James Suydam were appointed the Committee on Hope College.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Board of Education to make such provision for the compensation of the teachers of Theology in Hope College as shall be deemed adequate.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, the Synod proceeded to the election of members of the Standing Committee on Peter Hertzog Hall.

On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were elected:

Messrs. James Suydam, Gardner A. Sage, David Bishop, Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, W. J. R. Taylor.

Mr. Ralph W. Brokaw was recommended to the Trustees of Rutgers College, to receive aid from the Van Benschoten Fund, and Calvin E. Lasher to receive aid from the Knox Fund.

The Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, whose term of service has expired.

Nominations were received from the Classes of Bergen, Geneva, Hudson, Michigan, Monmouth, Orange, Passaic, Schenectady, Westchester, and Schoharie.

The Committee on Nominations reported a double number of persons from whom to choose members for the Classes that have not made nominations. The following were elected:

For Classis of	Bergen,	Rev.	J. Howard Suydam.
"	Geneva,	"	Alex. M. Mann.
"	Hudson,	"	Francis N. Zabriskie.
"	Michigan,	"	Abel T. Stewart, (2 yrs.,)
"	Monmouth,	"	James B. Wilson.
"	Orange,	"	Lawrence L. Comfort.
"	Passaic	"	Jas. E. Bernart, (2 years)
"	Schenectady,	"	Denis Wortman, (2 years,)
"	Westchester,	"	David Cole.
"	Schoharie,	"	Edwin Vedder.
"	Arcot,	"	Joseph Scudder.
"	Saratoga,	"	Selah W. Strong.
"	Wisconsin,	"	John Vandermeulen.
"	Cayuga,	"	A. P. Peeke, for 2 years, in place of Rev. A. G. Vermilye, resigned.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions, with the exception of so much as refers to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was received and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund, with the exception of so much as refers to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions, and Report of the Church Building Fund, were received and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Foreign Missions respectfully report:

The statistics of all the Missions indicate an advance upon previous years, especially in the development of education. Whatever may be the deliberate or constrained policy of the several stations, we cannot but regard the establishment and expansion of schools as of primary importance to success, and to the assimilation of the Gospel leaven. Indeed we already see its best results, so far as India is concerned, in the employment of native women as teachers. Such radical progress must eventually effect a complete reformation in the heart of social well-being in the family.

The erection of a Theological Hall, under the supervision of the brethren at Amoy, is an epoch in the history of that Mission. It is, as well, an index of our policy with regard to the maintenance of the Gospel in the Foreign Field: we look for the planting of churches not to the missionaries from America, but to a Native Pastorate under the care of our Evangelists. The judicious advocacy of self-support, which puts the interest of the individual church directly upon the hearts of its members, and relieves the missionaries of many camp-followers, looks to the same end.

Your Committee must make grateful mention of the efficiency of the Medical Departments connected with the Missions. The high commendation of Lord Napier of the dispensary and hospital services of Rev. S. D. Scudder, M.D., supplemented by a practical expression of the confidence of the government in him; the successful labors of the Rev. J. Chamberlain, M.D., and in general, the access which such work gives to the Gospel message, all indicate the necessity of strengthening this arm of missionary enterprize. The attention of all the Societies has been increasingly directed to its influence as an auxiliary. The teacher and the phy-

sician are the best helps to the preacher. The school and the hospital are now the most important adjuncts of the Church. It is particularly gratifying to find that a number of Christian natives are instructed in the science of medicine.

Your Committee would submit the following:

Resolved, That the Board be authorized by the General Synod to provide, so far as possible or expedient, for the medical instruction of those who offer themselves for missionary work, and to send out as many Christian physicians as are willing and qualified.

Your Committee cannot but call attention to the special confidence which the Japanese government reposes in our missionaries to that country. If there were nothing else, the Christian example of our brethren, in these public positions, cannot help bearing fruit. Nevertheless, it is difficult to reconcile the two policies of that Government, manifested on the one hand by the appointment of missionaries, in preference to mere scholars. to such responsible posts; on the other by the authorized persecution of Christians in Makami and Nagasaki; not only Romanist, but according to the best authority, Protestant also. Whatever be the complexion of the faith of these sufferers, your Committee would recommend the General Synod to unite in the appeal proposed by the General Committee for Foreign Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions, in the name of the Reformed Church in America "be and are hereby requested to use such means as may seem to them best, to secure through the Representative of the United States in Japan, the abrogation of the law in that country which attaches a death penalty to the profession of Christianity among its own people."

RE-ENFORCEMENTS.

So vast are the demands, but so feeble are we in the numbers requisite to meet the exigency, that other societies feel compelled to occupy the ground which ought to be cultivated by us.

Your Committee must reiterate the resolutions of previous Synods:

Resolved, That the Pastors of our Churches be enjoined to present to Christian parents, and to their sons and daughters, the claims of the Mission work, not only from the pulpit but by personal solicitation.

Resolved, That Christian parents be urged to consecrate their children, from infancy, to this particular service of the Lord, and to pray for its fulfillment, in so far as this shall be the will of God.

Resolved, That the Pastors be urged to a careful reconsideration of the comparative loudness of the foreign and the domestic calls.

In order that our Board may not feel compelled to contract their enterprizes, your Committee would expand an old enactment.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Church to send out immediately and to support every one who offers himself or herself for the Foreign Field, and who shall have been found duly qualified.

Your Committee believing that a great impetus would be given to the home-interest in this cause, by the appointment of a Delegate to visit our foreign stations, to take a general survey of all the operations, and to present an extended report of his tour to the General Synod and to the Churches, would offer the following:

Resolved, That the General Synod appoint a delegate to visit our Mission stations, such delegate to be under the direction of the Foreign Board, provided he can be sent without additional expense to the Board.

FINANCES.

We are approaching the usual crisis: every year is increasing the debt; the Church again is holding its breath, to praise some munificent donor. The direct church contributions of the year, show a great falling off from those of 1869, and are but a few hundred dollars in advance of the collections of 1868. It is plain that we must not depend upon legacies, or upon the private benefactions of Christians, *but directly upon the Churches*, as such. At the present rate of supply, the debt will reach a nervous pitch during the coming year—a nervous pitch which will drive us into another spasm, or cause the transference of our enterprizes to abler hands. It is true that other Churches are in debt, but we believe *none in so great a proportion.*

What is to be done? Resolutions are mere battology, unless Pastors and Consistories give them a meaning.

Your Committee, calling to mind the words of the American Board: "one object of the Monthly Concert is to keep before our Churches this great fact—the dependence of all Christian work upon the Divine blessing,"—would offer the following:

Resolved, That every Church hold a Monthly Concert of Prayer, and take up a monthly collection for Foreign Missions.

Your Committee believe that knowledge stimulates benevolence, therefore

Resolved, That every Consistory provide their Church with missionary maps and periodicals, which shall be used for the instruction of the people.

Your Committee believe that systematic benevolence is a grace to be cultivated according to the Divine rule, therefore

Resolved, That the Pastors be enjoined to preach the Apostolic Law as a law of the Church and the Christian conscience: "Let every one of you lay by him at home whatsoever he may be prospered in."

Resolved, That the Board be instructed to furnish the families of the Churches, through the Pastors, with missionary boxes, the amounts deposited in which shall be gathered in with the annual collection for the Board.

Your Committee believe that the interest of the Church, in this subject, depends very much on information which is communicated to it: they notice the gratifying success of the present Paper, but think its title inapt, and its size too contracted. Concerning the Paper they would offer the following:

Resolved, That every Church, from its congregational funds, or in some other way, supply every family in its connection with a copy of this joint publication of the Boards.

Your Committee observe the crying need of suitable buildings for worship and instruction. With the expansion of our work, these demands will be on the increase. Yokohama and Chiang-Chiu have immediate and imperative claims upon the Church in this particular, and there ought to be standing provision to which our missionaries can look for the proper furtherance of their labors.

Your Committee would name the following:

Resolved, That a separate fund be created, to be called the Foreign Building Fund, which shall be raised and administered according to the regulations which obtain concerning the Church Building Fund: (Digest, Chap. VIII., C., Sections 1–2, substituting the word Foreign for Domestic in the various clauses.

Your Committee, in conclusion, would call the earnest attention of this Synod to the necessity of devising some way to meet the present necessities of Yokohama and Chiang-Chiu:

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be instructed and directed to pay to Messrs. Ballagh & Verbeck, missionaries in Japan, the sum of $3,000, for the purpose of erecting a church building on the lot in Japan held in trust for our Church, being for principal and interest of the amount paid into the Treasury for such purpose by native Christians of the Sandwich Islands.

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be and are hereby instructed, under the plan of the Foreign Mission Church Building Fund, to appoint Rev. Messrs. J. H. Ballagh and J. H. Van Doren, agents to solicit from individuals, means for the erection of buildings in connection with Japan and Amoy Missions, and that Synod commend these brethren to the confidence of Pastors and people.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. D. HARTRANFT, *Chairman*,
JAMES ANDERSON,
EDO KIP.

The Committee on Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund presented the following report which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund beg leave respectfully to report:

We have in our possession the Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer's Accounts of the Board of Domestic Missions and the Church Building Fund. From these we gather the following items:

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

With the single exception of the Rev. H. Woltman, who, when not yet a full year of his ministerial work was done, died, a martyr to his zeal in prosecuting his preparatory studies and afterwards the labors of his calling, all of our Missionaries still live to carry on their work.

Our Board has furnished, or aided in furnishing, the stated means of grace to 3,952 families, and 5,223 communicants, and in bringing into the Church 559 on confession of their faith, being 100 less than last year, and 392 on certificate, being 168 more than last year, a total of 951, being 26 more than the previous year. It has 44 missions at the East, 32 in the West, 1 in the South, being a total of 77. Connected with these are 70 Missionaries.

Last October, in compliance with the requisitions of the field, the

Rev. E. P. Livingston was appointed a temporary Superintendent of Missions, and did a valuable service in visiting the churches already planted, and searching out new openings for church organizations.

By the aid of the Board 13 new church organizations have been formed—3 in Michigan, 1 in Iowa, 2 in Illinois, 1 in Connecticut, 2 in New Jersey, 1 in New York, and 3 in Virginia. Under exceedingly encouraging auspices new missions have been started in Jericho, L. I., Rapid Run, Mich., and Norwood Park, a position of great importance, some six miles from Chicago, Ill. The Church of South Bend, Ind., for some time prostrate, lifts up its head anew, and moves forth with a new impulse, and a new colony of E. Vrieslanders, at Peoria, Ill., are ready to welcome a mission from a Church whose symbols of faith they venerate, and the village of Macquand, Ill., calls loudly for a Church of our order.

In a way peculiarly providential a new enterprise has been started in Virginia. At Amelia Court House, in Amelia County, the Rev. A. DuBois, D.D., and Rev. W. B. Gilmore have organized a literary institution, and within a radius of sixteen miles three new Churches. There is a prospect of very flattering success to the literary institution, and the Churches already planted may be the germs of a Southern Classis. This enterprise of our brethren at the South particularly commends itself to our Reformed Church. If the inquiry may be raised, who knows not whether through such Classis in the South there may not spring up a bond of amity between our denomination and those Churches, not a few in that region, that have a sympathy with our symbols of faith and form of government.

Several of the Churches connected with the Board have received gracious tokens of the Saviour's favor, those of Brookfield, Conn., Otley, Iowa, and Norris, Ill., having been particularly blessed with revivals. It is a gratifying and suggestive feature, we do not see noticed in the Secretary's Report, that these three Churches have been peculiarly gifts to the Lord Jesus, two of them being planted by individuals, the other by the two Sabbath schools of Flatbush, L. I., and of this North Church of Newark.

Toward the work thus hurriedly reviewed the Board has contributed $39,632 29, though in order to accomplish this it has had to report itself as in debt, on the 1st of May last, to the extent of $12,-681 62. It began the fiscal year with a debt of $5,568 68. So notwithstanding a net increase of $3,416 04 in contributions, its indebtedness has been augmented by $7,112 99.

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

On the 1st of May, 1869, there was a balance on hand belonging to this Fund of $964 55. During the year it has received in interest on loans $1,350, and $11,391 87 in contributions. The most of this was given, however, for specifically designated Churches, so that the Board had, for purposes of its own original designating, only $2,072 75, which, added to the balance with which it began the year, and the interest on its own loans, makes $4,387 30 for its own uses, outside of those designated by the donors. Though it is, of course, necessary to bear in mind these two facts—first, that many of the Churches benefited by these funds given for specific purposes, were such as would at any rate have commended themselves to the Board; and, secondly, that the freeness with which many of the gifts were made was owing to the interest Carticular churches felt in the particular Churches that they aided. It is greatly to be regretted that the Church Building Fund has not been more greatly increased.

By its aid, however, houses for the worship of God have been completed at Spring Lake, Fynaart and Fremont Centre, Mich., the First and Second Churches of Chicago, Ill., Clinton Station, N. J., Brookfield, Conn., and Yorktown, Minn.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Board has fewer Sabbath schools under its care for the two very excellent reasons that a number of the Churches, with their schools, heretofore dependent on the Board, have become self-sustaining, and that our Holland brethren, among whom so many of our Churches are planted, so greatly favor Catechetical and Biblical instruction at home, at the hands of parents, that there is not so great demand for or favor towards our American system of Sabbath schools. It suggests the inquiry whether, as a people, we are not neglecting that most natural and important method of teaching the gospel to children. Let Sabbath schools be fostered with unwearying care, yet let not parents forget that great original and direct responsibility which rests with them. We hear with great delight that in connection with these Sabbath schools, there were during the year 160 conversions.

In taking a view of the work of the past year, your Committee find but one special reason for disappointment; and that, of course, is the fact the Synod must have noticed, the debt of over $12,000

with which the year closed, and the small amount given to the Church Building Fund. So far as fields for useful labor are concerned, the Lord has opened them really beyond the ability of the Board to enter them. Several of our Churches which have been established, have begun their existence under peculiarly favorable circumstances, and occupy positions of importance. We believe we have a most devoted band of men in the work, and all now required, with the blessing of the Lord, is money to sustain those now at work, and to justify the Board in sending new men to new fields. And notwithstanding the debt of the Board, we think we discern the evidence that our Church is at last really waking to the importance of planting the gospel in the destitute portions of our own country.

Our Foreign Mission work has been conducted on an extensive scale; few Churches, if any, for their number, have done more for the Foreign work, and been more blessed in it; why shall we not now take hold of our home work with equal zeal, and with the hope of an equal blessing?

It is to this particular point we would call the attention of the Church. We would not have our Foreign work diminished—it ought to be greatly increased; but we have sadly *neglected* the interests of Christ here at home.

Our Church has some peculiar difficulties in making a western advance. With fewer centers of our own population in the West, our name and order but little known, we labor under such disadvantages as larger bodies do not. But it would be strange, indeed, if in so wide a field, there were no work for us. Our brethren, laboring in the West, are warmly appreciated. Our Holland Churches will, ere long, strongly reinforce us. We have a church polity that in some points adapts itself more readily to western life than some others, and there is a larger amount of wealth at the East which, properly consecrated, would sustain a vigorous pressing of our home work.

For the sake of our Foreign Missions we need to sustain our Domestic. We must do so, and sustain our own church-life. On the same principle on which the wealthy Christian, whilst giving largely to purposes of charity, yet reserves a large capital on which to work out future incomes for future giving, so as a Church, whilst spreading our charities abroad, we must conserve our inner strength, and make a strong Church here, so a greater future service may be ren-

dered. The present is a critical time with us, and what we do for the Master and our own healthy life and growth, we should do *at once*.

The present year there is great need that an effort be made in behalf of our Church Building Fund. And your Committee suggest that the attempt be made to raise for it at least the sum of $50,000.

Your Committee would also urge that some method for taking collections for our Domestic Board be adopted by the Churches, by which not only *more shall be given* by those who usually give, but *something be given by all, all* our people reached. The manner in which this shall be done we leave to the Classes and Churches to determine; but may not such arrangements be made that two (2) collections, at least, a year may be taken by each Church, and every family and individual reached? To indicate the losses sustained by the Board through the present system of one collection a year, it may be well to state that last year, on account of the frequent storms of the months of October and March, between $6,000 and $7,000 less were received by the Board than might otherwise naturally have been expected. Your Committee, therefore, strongly urge the appeal of the Corresponding Secretary of the Board for a surer, safer system of gathering funds; and press the demand for $50,000 for the ordinary purposes of the Board, in addition to the $50,000 for the Building Fund. Large as this combined amount may seem, it is not so much as was expended in our Foreign Missionary work in the year 1869.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That this Synod renders its thanks to Almighty God for His blessing on the efforts undertaken under the direction of this Board, and for the fields of usefulness that continue to open so invitingly to us.

2. That the Synod look with gratification upon the enterprise at Amelia Court House, Va., and knowing not unto what good purpose it may grow, commend it to the favorable regard of the churches.

3. That Classes, Pastors, and Consistories see if some measure may not be adopted by which more frequent and more generous contributions may be made to the general purposes of the Board, so that it may have for this year's work at least $50,000.

4. That the Church Building Fund is a matter of very great im-

portance, and that strenuous efforts be made to add to the Fund $50,000.

Respectfully submitted.

DENIS WORTMAN, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, the Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions whose term of office has expired.

On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were elected:

Rev. Thomas DeWitt, E. P. Terhune, Philip Peltz, C. L. Wells, H. D. Ganse, Mr. Theodore L. Mason, D. J. Stewart, W. R. Janeway.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, the Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Domestic Missions whose term of service has expired.

On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were elected:

Rev. Gustavus Abeel, P. D. Van Cleef, John A. Todd, J. Le Fevre, Mr. C. V. Clarkson, J. V. D. Hoagland, J. A. Lott, W. B. Ostrom.

Resolved, That the words "The Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America," be inserted in the Form of Bequest on the fly-leaf of the Acts and Proceedings of the General Synod, in lieu of the words "The Board of Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church."

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' AND DISABLED MINISTERS' FUNDS.

A number of applications for aid from the Disabled Ministers' Fund were received and referred to the Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds.

Resolved, That this Synod decides that the papers sent from the Stated Clerks of the Classes to the Stated Clerk of the General Synod, asking aid in certain cases, do not require to be read publicly before Synod, but shall pass from the Stated Clerk of the Synod into the hands of the Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds.

The Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds, presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds respectfully report that there have been placed in their hands the Widows' Fund Account, the Widows' Fund Income Account, and the Disabled Ministers' Fund Account.

From these accounts it appears:

That the principal of the Widows' Fund, May 1st, 1869, was		$29,192 19
Receipts from all sources during the year		1,643 50
		30,835 69
Withdrawn under the rules		500
Making amount of principal May 1st, 1870		$30,335 69
From the *Income Account* it appears that		
There was on hand, May 1st, 1869		$833 57
Receipts from all sources		2,445 54
Total		$3,279 11
Amount paid annuitants	$1,579 13	
Withdrawn under the rules	135	
One-half of the annual payments, placed, according to rule, in the principal of the Fund	280	
Three per cent. of $3,166 66 carried to the principal under the rules	95	
Expenses of management	256 72	
		2,345 85
Leaving a balance, May 1st, 1870		$933 26

Disabled Ministers' Fund.

Balance on hand May 1st, 1869	$1,419 55
Receipts from all sources	1,439 49
Total	2,859 04
Appropriated to beneficiaries	900
Balance May 1st, 1870	$1,959 04

To exalt the claims of the Disabled Ministers' Fund, its object only requires to be stated.

"The Fund ..... shall be used for the support of Disabled Ministers, and the families of deceased Ministers *when such may be in need.*" Surely, Churches and individuals ought to esteem it a privilege to provide for the *necessities* of Ministers and the families of deceased Ministers who have worn themselves out in the Master's service.

In relation to the Widows' Fund, the Committee are convinced, that, to commend it to the confidence and systematic support of the Churches, Ministers and individual laymen, its "Plan," as found in the Digest of the Minutes of General Synod, pp. 85–89, only needs to be studied and comprehended. It is meritoriously conquering prejudices and winning the confidence of the Churches.

During the past year, eighteen annuitants reaped from seed prudently deposited in this Fund by themselves or their friends; and what is wonderful, owing to the comparatively little support received from the Churches, the Fund has paid a maximum annuity of $106.

The Committee beg leave to recommend the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That a collection be taken by each Church in our denomination for the Disabled Ministers' Fund.

2. *Resolved*, That each Pastor be earnestly requested to study the "Plan" of the Widows' Fund, and to preach on the subject once during the year.

3. *Resolved*, That each Consistory is fraternally exhorted to take up a collection, and to raise sufficient to constitute their Pastor a member of the Fund, and that in such cases, Consistories be requested to appropriate one-half to the *Income* of the Fund.

4. *Resolved*, That the Board of Foreign Missions devise and endeavor successfully to execute some means, whereby Missionaries under their care, may be constituted and continued members of the Widows' Fund.

The following applications for aid from the Disabled Ministers' Fund have been examined:

Rev. N. J. Marselus for	$300
Rev. Thomas B. Gregory	300
Miss Mary A. May	300
$100 of which is to make up a deficiency through a clerical error.	
Rev. Hiram Slauson	
Rev. Alex. C. Hillman	200
Rev. R. W. Knight	100
Mrs. Nanning Bogardus	100

The Committee recommend that the appropriations asked be granted, when the Board of Direction shall have received the required certificates from the Stated Clerks of Classes.

Respectfully submitted.

ALEXANDER McKELVEY,

Chairman.

ARTICLE XX.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Sixteenth Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication, with the exception of so much as refers to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Publication would respectfully report that the sixteenth Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary, together with the Report of the Treasurer, for the year ending May 1st, 1870, duly certified as correct, has been placed in their hands.

The review of the year, as presented in this report, shows the affairs of the Board to be in a healthful condition. No one can read the record of facts it furnishes without the conviction that it lies nearer the hearts of the people than ever before. They have a better understanding of its merits, and are more ready to respond to its claims. The number of Churches contributing in aid of its operations, which three years since was eighty-three, has now reached nearly two hundred, and the receipts into its treasury which then were a little over sixteen hundred dollars, are nearly ten thousand dollars the past year. This is progress, and a measure of progress which ought to call forth our heartfelt thanksgiving. $4,935 70 have been added to the working capital of the Board as against $2,224 26 the previous year.

Grants of books and tracts have been made to the amount of $597 46.

Four new volumes besides smaller issues and reprints have been published, including one now in press, and the Heidelberg Catechism

in the Tamil language which may very properly be counted since the Board has assumed the financial responsibility of its publication.

The Report states that the Board could easily have increased the list of its publications from the number of its manuscripts which have been furnished, but that it was deemed more important to elevate its imprimatur, a decision which commends itself to the judgment of your Committee.

The sales from the Depository for the year are....	$19,337 49
Increase of sales over last year.....	2,895 16
There has been paid out on the funded debt	966 63
Which is now reduced to the sum of.	5,796 61
The value of stock and fixtures is estimated at....	32,060 08
Total increase over previous year in favor of Board,	5,009 79
The total assets of the Board are.	44,027 10
The total liabilities are.....	11,846 64
Showing a balance in favor of the Board of.	32,180 46

Which is $5,009 69 above what was reported last year.

There is plainly an increased capital of co-operative sympathy on the part of Pastors. And like Pastors, like people. Where there is a leader for the host in any good cause, there will soon be a host for the leader. When the Pastor so identifies himself with the various benevolent operations of our Boards, that he statedly urges their claims from the pulpit, then the Church makes rapid strides in the line of benevolence.

Your Committee hesitate not to say that they are in hearty sympathy with this Board. As one of the recognized agencies to do the Church's work, it fills a niche occupied by no other anthorized agency. We must use the Christian press to antagonize an irreligious press—a church publishing Board to supplement the teachings of the pulpit for the extension of the Church. Is not this Board as truly adapted to this end as like institutions in other denominations? It may not have accomplished all that we could desire, but we must be reasonable in our expectations. Bricks cannot be made without straw, nor books published without money. Have our Churches generally been liberally disposed toward this Board? Has it been placed in a position, financially, to test what it can be made to accomplish?

Through the earnest efforts of the Corresponding Secretary, a growing interest has been awakened, and an anxious desire to bring this Board forward in practical efficiency to the position its import-

ance justly claims. We trust that the report of another year will exhibit all our Churches, in one unbroken column, moving together as its warm supporters.

Your Committee gratulate the Board upon its success in securing such spacious and pleasant apartments for its Depository, and for the convenience of the Secretaries; and they are pleased to learn that notwithstanding the break upon the usual routine of business caused by frequent removals and other counter influences, the sales of the past year are in advance of those of the year previous, and that the happy effects of the present more favorable arrangements are already being realized in an increased patronage. It is earnestly hoped that the Depository, which has replenished and enlarged its stock, will command the support of our Churches generally, and that Pastors, Sabbath school Superintendents, and others of our friends, as loyal servants of the Church, will give it the preference in their purchases over all similar establishments.

Your Committee are also pleased to learn that the "Sower and Gospel Field," now united under one banner, has so wide a circulation. The value of this sheet is such it should be still more extensively circulated. If converted into a semi-monthly issue, would it not better accomplish its mission, and more fully meet the wants of the different Boards and of the Churches? The terms are so low, and the paper so excellent, that every Pastor should labor to secure its spread among his people. Increasing light cannot fail to deepen conviction and call forth enlarged co-operation.

An ample working capital should be secured for the Board at the earliest moment. A portion of the wealth of the Church can hardly be devoted to a more important object. May we not hope that those possessed of sufficient means will count it a privilege to give liberally of their substance to put this agency of the Church on a footing which will enable it to push forward with vigor the work which is growing on its hands. This is the more desirable, since the recent successful efforts for the liberal endowment of our educational institutions, have given no equivocal expression that our Reformed Church purposes to preserve her distinct integrity. Shall we not then co-operate more cordially, more vigorously, more generously with this Board in its work of denominational extension? Let the *pulpit* and the *press*, linked together in holy alliance, be more thoroughly consecrated to the spread of the truth and the growth of the Church.

Your Committee would close their report by submitting the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the General Synod reäffirms its high estimate of the value of the work committed to the Board of Publication of providing a suitable religious and denominational literature for our Churches, and expresses its approbation of the efforts of the Board hitherto to fulfill its proper functions.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board be commended to the confidence of the Churches in its endeavors to provide for itself a working capital by which it may be able to carry out its great and important mission.

3. *Resolved*, That the Synod commends the "Sower and Gospel Field," the proper organ of the Church, through its official Boards, to the confidence and patronage of all the Churches and families of our denomination.

4. *Resolved*, That in order to bring all the Churches into closer acquaintance and quicker sympathy with the benevolent operations of the Synod, it be recommended to the Board of Publication to consider the expediency of issuing the "Sower" more frequently, so that at small expense, vital, religious and benevolent intelligence may be brought within the reach of every household of our Church.

J. HALSTED CARROLL,
Chairman of Committee.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, the Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Publication whose term of service has expired: On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following persons were elected: Rev. J. H. Suydam, J. F. Mesick, T. W. Wells, C. E. Hart, James Brownlee, Messrs. J. A. Williamson, Peter Duryee, R. Amerman.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The Van Benschoten Bequest was read.

Resolved, That 250 copies of the Roll of the Synod be printed for the use of the members.

A committee, consisting of Rev. Isaac Brokaw, Denis Wortman, and Elder Wm. H. Kirk were appointed on the supply of the Churches of Newark on the Sabbath occurring during the Session of Synod. The committee's report was accepted.

A gavel made at Jerusalem of olive wood from the Mount of Olives, was presented to the Synod by Colonel Augustus Pruyn.

Resolved, That the Synod receives the gavel just presented by Col. Augustus Pruyn, of Newark, with the thanks of Synod to the donor, and that the Stated Clerk be the custodian thereof.

Resolved, That the next Session of the General Synod be held in the North Reformed Church of Albany.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be returned to the Church of Chicago for the invitation so kindly extended to meet with them at the next Session.

ARTICLE XXII.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

After reading of the minutes on the morning of each day's session, a-half hour was spent in devotional exercises.

An hour was spent on the afternoon of the first day of the session in devotional exercises.

On the afternoon of the second day of the session, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was, with accompanying exercises, administered.

The Secretaries of the Boards were heard on the morning of the third day of the session, after which a season was spent in prayer.

A sermon on Benevolence was preached on the evening of the sixth day of the session, by Rev. Zachary Eddy, from Mark 12: 41–44, "And Jesus sat over against the treasury and beheld how the people," etc.

Rev. S. M. Woodbridge was chosen Primarius, and Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, Secundus, to preach the sermon on Benevolence at the next stated session.

Rev. Mr. Atterbury, Secretary of the Sabbath Committee of New York, presented the claims of said committee to the Synod.

A meeting in behalf of Missions was held on the evening of the seventh day of the session, and which was addressed by Rev. E. P. Livingston, Elder Robert H. Pruyn, and Rev. John A. Todd on Domestic Missions, and by Rev. J. H. Ballagh, Missionary from Japan, and Rev. E. C. Scudder, of the Classis of Arcot, on Foreign Missions.

Rev. Mr. Ganse, on the ninth day of the session, presented the claims of the Evangelical Alliance. It was

Resolved, That this Synod heartily approves of the organization and purposes of the Evangelical Alliance, and earnestly desires all Pastors and Churches under its care, to contribute in all ways to the success of the Convention which that great representative of United Protestantism is to hold in this country in the approaching autumn.

TABULAR STATEMENT

Of the Contributions made during the year ending April 30, 1870, *by the several Churches, to the* (*denominational*) *Boards and Funds recommended by Synod, each sum comprising the total amount received from each Church, whether by church collections or otherwise.*

[See Synod Proceedings, June, 1862, p. 212.]

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Albany							
First Albany	61 38	369 36	467 88	1049 01			
Second Albany	124 75	292 14	569 15	32	.....	.....	150
Third Albany	.....	17					
Fourth Albany	16	8	14	3 40			
Holland, Albany	.....	20					
Second Berne	5	.....	8 25	5	.....	.....	5
First Bethlehem	35	68 36	94 61	76 70			
Second Bethlehem	25	89 92	40	35	.....	.....	17 65
Clarksville	.....	.....	10				
Coeymans	.....	20	30				
Jerusalem	29 18	6	26 50	32 20			
New Baltimore	54 07	20 04	200 43	25			
New Salem	7 89	17 01	16 22	1 63	4	7 70	7 25
Knox	5	16 08	36 67	5	.....	.....	5
Onisquethaw	14 17	6	.....	11			
Union							
Westerlo	.....	20 50	123 50	10			
Classis of Arcot							
Classis of Bergen							
English Neighborhood	5	18	50 15	.....	20	17	
First Hackensack	100	250	325	100			
Schraalenbergh	15 19	60 58	.....	23 10			
New Durham	.....	88 20	170	.....	.....	.....	9
First Hoboken	15	20	.....	15			
Third Jersey City	35 74	100	227 30	.....	18 05	.....	25
North Bergen	.....	20					
Second Hackensack	.....	.....	8				
German, Hoboken	.....	.....	13 20				
German, Hackensack							
Closter City	.....	61 47					
Palisades	.....	38	9 10				
S. Classis of Bergen							
Bergen	46 50	168 43	418 47	48	18 25	18 25	
Belleville	37 50	11	77 29	11 60	10 65		
First Jersey City	141 75	324 63	1098 74	100	.....	.....	68 34
Bergen Neck, Bayonne	18 18						
First Newark	280 08	79 35	175 88	38 78	28 08	.....	60
Irvington	12	25 15	30	.....	.....	.....	18
First Van Vorst	250	309 94	190 58	1147 19	11 80	.....	90 12

CHURCHES	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
S. Classis of Bergen CONTINUED.							
Second Newark	20 33	23	145 59	13 25	10 11	10 11	
Bergen Point	30	93	125	70	.....	30	100
Franklin	8 55	15	12				
North Newark	159 65	611 40	1197 68	.....	48	.....	500
Second Hudson City	6 60	15 75	6 30				
Lafayette	43 05	109	262 76	13	13 10	20	50
West Newark.	2 12	2					
Clinton Avenue, Newark	51 10	195 98	120 88	27 77			
East Newark	15	31	16				
West End	.....	125					
Classis of Cayuga							
Canastota	.....	13	12 50				
Chittenango	....	35	60				
Cicero	.....	5					
Lysander	6 30	.....	.....	6 30			
Naumburgh	.....	16 50					
New Hremen							
Owasco	25	41 43	41 43	12 36			
Owasco Outlet	11 25	81 30	27 30				
Syracuse	75	128 61	177 99	13 95	.....	.....	30
Thousand Isles	.....	27	5 06				
Utica	.....	478 43	521 04	414 28			
West Leyden	5	10 50	7				
Classis of Geneva							
Lodi	.....	73 70	46				
Farmer Village	10 62	53 70	60	4 02	4		
Geneva	33 77	64 36	184 58	30 69	20	10	23 26
Ithaca	29 18	15 95	213 08				
Arcadia							
Tyre	.....	7	9 75				
Caroline							
Wolcott	12	35	15	10 60			
Buffalo	10	.....	5				
Pultneyville	.....	.....	19 90				
Rochester	20	20	141 50	18 25	15		
Clymer Village	16	16	19				
Mina Corners	.....	10 70	36 85				
Cato	15	20					
Athens, Pa	.....	.....	30 93				
Cleveland	16 40	12 56	11 61	9 90	9 08	13 24	14 30
Dunkirk	.....	8	8				
C. Grand River							
Grand Haven	15 69	47 90	56 36				
Second Grand Rapids	100	94	218 30				
Grandville	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Kalamazoo	45 52	61 18	70 58	.....	.....	.....	12 30
Muskegon	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	25
Polkton	.....	6	3	4 25			
Fremont Centre							
Spring Lake							
Classis of Greene							
First Athens	11 50	68 69	26	7 50			
Second Athens	.....	.....	.....	3 36			

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Greene CONTINUED.							
Catskill	80	57 78	88 12	88 41	18	17	28 31
First Coxsackie	.....	16	68	29 27			
Second Coxsackie	56 74	42 16	98 18	87 88	8 22	.....	24 35
Kiskatom	18 15	28 02	45 89				
Leeds	8 25	33 20	.....	18			
Moresville and S. Gilboa							
Prattsville	19 17	.....	.....	6			
Roxbury	.....	14	60	23 50			
Classis of Holland							
Drenthe	.....	.....	22 98				
Ebenezer							
Fynaart							
Graafschap	5	11 50	25 75				
First Holland	16 50	.....	18 33	.....	21 60		
Third Holland	30 70	.....	38 48				
North Holland							
Overyssel	14	20 22	62 90	16			
Saugatuck	.....	2		.....	.....	.....	5
Vriesland	5 78	35 19	169 59	10 25			
Zeeland	10	10	20	10			
Amelia, Virginia	14 50	14 16	9 46				
Classis of Hudson							
Hudson	80	208 62	682 87	37	25	25	179 50
First Claverack	25	30	564 59	10 47	.....	12	
Second Claverack	26	65 47	159 36	54 60	27 18	23 50	16
Linlithgow	36	29 56	37 69				
Greenport							
Greenbush	.....		7				
Germantown	16 68	70	42	8	.....	8	14
Taghkanic	55	55	32				
Upper Red Hook	.....	35	36	26 75			
Classis of Illinois							
Fair View	6 45	11 60	110 69	.....	.....	8	
Pekin	.....	.....	.....	7 30			
Spring Lake	.....	7	.....	.....	3 50		
Karitan	8		30	8			
Bushnell	.....	8	5 10				
Davenport	.....	58					
Whitehall							
Second Pella	8 87	19 85	.....	.....	5 05	9	7 75
Havana	.....	5					
First Pella	30 85	24	63 80	.....	23 85	24 10	
Bethel	.....	10	33 15	.....	6	5 50	5
Leyden Centre	.....	20	12	.....	.....	.....	52
Third Pella	.....	.....	16 15				
Norris	5	.....	3				
Second Chicago	.....	140 11	36 56	.....	.....	.....	38 50
Classis of Kingston							
Bloomingdale	8	26	23 37				
The Clove	50	25	50	12			
Dashville Falls	3 13	.....	2 52				
Guilford	15	30	90				
Hurley	20 20	36	148 51	45 38	.....	.....	10 35

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Kingston CONTINUED.							
N. Church, Marbletown	8	21 50	68 12	18	.....	.....	4 40
Second Church, Kingston	40	296 01	507 20	20 75			
Marbletown	20	56 37	61 57	25 19			
New Paltz	58 78	169 85	297 82	2 87	20	8 77	60
Rochester	10 76	7 62	144 39				
Rosendale	.....	6 50					
Samsonville	2	.....	22 75	2 50	2 25		
St. Remy							
N. Classis of L. Isl'd							
Jamaica	55	92	40	32			
Newtown	116 10	.....	112 92	27 10			
Oyster Bay	21 61	30	72 68	16 61	.....	.....	40
North Hempstead	7 65	17 50	.....	14	.....	12	
Williamsburg	.....	6	31				
Astoria	50 10	50	242	56 58	16 32	25	39
Greenpoint	94 70	20 25	146 23	.....	20	20	
Flushing	.....	45	45	40 08			
South Bushwick	18 45	17	31 50				
Lee Avenue	.....	62	.....	120 66			
East Williamsburg	.....	22 31	29 40				
Queens	15 41	39 29	35 87	12 15			
Second Newtown							
Second Astoria	5	10	5	.....	.....	.....	5
Ger. Evan. Brooklyn, E.D.	8 65	25	25				50
Sayville	5	13 60	5	2 50	2 10	2 25	
S. Classis of L. Isl'd							
Brooklyn	182 40	640 28	1551 41	330 98	27 90	27 90	172 79
Flatbush	1185 41	1040 98	1048 95	108 57	.....	.....	369
New Utrecht	37 08	310 69	408 14	58 84	20 63	.....	25
Gravesend	32 83	56 55	179 40	29 80	16 29	16 29	18 80
Flatlands	15 50	122 16	119 38	108 74	6 25	6 25	
New Lots	40 31	61	524	12	20	10	75
East New York	25 11	110 57	199 45	28 30	15 51	.....	20 73
South Brooklyn	220 28	57 05	42 71	12	9 72	9 72	16 25
Middle Brooklyn	128 50	278 04	50	.....	.....	76 75	11 10
North Gowanus	10 79	69 70	46 19	12 45			
North Brooklyn	18 85	44 62	115 84	18 85	.....	31 08	27 45
Church on the Heights	585 80	438 16	725 25	205	36 04	36 08	68 08
New Brooklyn	10	44		.....	2		
East Brooklyn	15 17	27 16	8	90 80	.....	20	
Classis of Michigan							
Battle Creek	9	15	15	5	.....	.....	24
Centreville	27	20 26	30 25				
Constantine	11 50	55 79	37 02				
Grand Rapids	.....	10	74 50	4	.....	5	16
Hope	15 78	40 16	66 08	.....	.....	.....	18
Pittsford	.....	5	5				
Macon	.....	4					
Porter	.....	2 40					
South Bend	.....	.....	15				
South Macon	8	8	10				

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Monmouth							
First Freehold	34	61 91	102 37	15	.....	.....	36 92
Second Freehold	45 75	20	62 10	39 31			
Holmdel	68 45	186 25	239 22	15 86	.....	28 71	44
Spotswood	.....	24 02	13 68				
Middletown	22 44	12 10					
Keyport	5	14 40	66 26				
Long Branch	15	18 33	20	15	5	5	6
Colt's Neck	1 66	16 42	25 20				
C. of Montgomery							
Auriesville							
Caughnawaga	10	30	35	7	.....	10	
Canajoharie							
Columbia							
Currytown	8	20 75	70 21				
Ephratah							
Florida	14	23	51	8			
Port Plain	.....	.....	2				
Fort Herkimer							
Fultonville							
Glen	14 35	29	93 05	.....	.....	.....	15
Hagaman's Mills	19 75	24 80	35	7			
Henderson							
Herkimer	.....	.....	26 55	17 79			
Indian Castle	3	.....	4				
Manheim	7	8	15	5			
Mapletown	.....	6 72	10 21				
Mohawk	.....	.....	.....	15 93			
Port Jackson	8 57	.....	14 50	.....	.....	.....	4 50
St. Johnsville	29 11	28 60	35				
Stone Arabia	.....	5					
Spraker's Basin	.....	.....	14 61				
Tillsborough							
C. New Brunswick							
First New Brunswick	120 64	304 25	364 37	36 50	38	60	58
Six-Mile-Run	155 62	260 50	260 17	124 50	17 70		
Hillsborough	22 75	39	209 38	68 15			
Middlebush	67 69	75	95	18 45	14 50		
Griggstown	8	70 50	70 50	8	5 50	.....	5
Second New Brunswick	89 60	209 77	912 59	50			
Bound Brook	.....	166 38	61 08				
Third New Brunswick							
East Millstone	11 31	50 21	72 24	109 68	.....	.....	29 16
Metuchen	28 50	26 65	29 04				
Classis of New York							
Collegiate, New York	1208 02	3135 58	6116 91	1297 46	117 54	117 54	320 31
Thirty-fourth Street	25	130	186 44	26	20	21 45	169 89
St. Paul's	30 21	52 45	118 39	17 34	.....	58 58	
Northwest	58 61	308	681 54	76 50	62 64		
German Evan. Miss.	.....	40	365 77	101	10	10	15
Bloomingdale							
Harlem	71 40	227 30	419 97	47 52	.....	.....	35 47
Mott Haven	.....	.....	51 09				
Staten Island	30	105	181	20	50	50	20
Richmond, S. I.	18 50	25 25	22 35				
Ch. of the Huguenots, S. I.	3 68	20	17 10	2	.....	.....	4
Fourth German	.....	15					

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of New York CONTINUED.							
Prospect Hill	20	40	50	31	15	15	25
Holland	.....	22 11					
South New York	150	386 74	2508 65				
South New Haven, Ct.	.....	25	48 98				
Brookfield, Ct	.....	14 36	12 26				
S. Classis of N. York							
Brighton Heights	...	132 55	30	9 75	.....	.....	11
Market Street	.....						
Washington Square	391 58	328 90	337 70				
Manhattan		25 12					
Bushwick	25 20	17 75	17 75				
Union Ref. 6th Avenue							
German R. P. Church	.....	50	50				
Classis of Orange							
Berea	10	15	20	.....	4	4	8
Bloomingburgh	15	20 20	40 26				
Callicoon	.....	5	5	.....	.....	.....	1 75
Cuddebackville	6 10	15 86	28 39	4 80			
Deer Park	64 82	174 75	445 37	87 15			
Ellenville	....	45	88 60				
Fa lsburg	100	10	50 50	.....	.....	.....	18 50
Grahamville	.....	20 25					
Mamakating	3	6 98	8 17				
Middleport	.....	20	9				
Milesville	....	1 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Minnisink	12 17		6 25				
Montgomery	56 25	191	581 85	50			
Newburgh	58 95	32 95	282 70	23 79			
New Hurley	35 50	52 75	40	50			
New Prospect		14 10	7				
Shawangunk	44	66 89	7				
Thumansville	.....	4					
Upper Neversink							
Walden	38	84	129	38	.....	.....	17
Walpack (Upper)	7	28					
Walpack (Lower)	25	10 25	25	15			
Wawarsing	5 72	3 90	19 04				
Classis of Paramus							
Clarkstown	33 50	122 55	139 28	15	.....	.....	36 50
Tappan	25 56	30 08	102 40	21 33	.....	.....	25
Acquackanonk	51	101	451 86	54 58			
Second Totowa	21	64	238	.....	.....	.....	36
Paramus	13 40		55 36				
Pascack	....	17 30	....	.....	.....	....	7
Saddle River	11	15	16	8			
Ramapo	.....	6	21 11				
West New Hempstead	4 79	55 22	41 09	7 40	.....	.....	4 83
Warwick	51	100	76 65				
Nyack	.....	131	355 49	167 29	.....	.....	30
Piermont	25	55	50	24	.....	.....	71
Broadway, Paterson	22						
First Holland, Paterson	3	11 60	5				
Second Holland, Paterson							
Spring Valley	30	17 20	58 40				
Holland, Lodi							
North Passaic	.....	.....	36 56	30 58			

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Passaic							
Boardville	15	10	15				
Boonton	.....	10					
Fairfield	.....	.....	50				
Little Falls	34 10	19 95	19 88	16	.....	.....	21 50
Montville	10	34	62	11			
Sixth Paterson	.....	.....	8 20				
Pompton Plains	80 72	76 19	154 65	28	.....	.....	23 86
Pompton	57 70	67 60	128 50	20 45	.....	19	
Ponds	7 50	10	18	5			
Preakness	25	20	25	.....	.....	.....	25 65
Stone House Plains	15	18	19	18 50	.....	.....	22
First Church, Totowa	50	71 70	100 96	34 65	.....	.....	25
Wyckoff	15	15	19	8 50	4	4	7
C. of Philadelphia							
Harlingen	73 73	71 35	92				
Readington	.....	147 07	.....	76 80			
Ne-Shanic	31	.....	50				
First Philadelphia	.....	110	50				
Second "	110 86	51 66	75 50				
Third "	185	122 55	225				
N. & S. Hampton	15 25	110 21	128 43	7 25	18 50	13 50	
Blawenburgh	82	100 06	211 54				
Stanton	.....	.....	58 25	.....	.....	27	
Manayunk	12 14	30	15	10			
Rocky Hill	.....	59 47	47 81				
Fifth Philadelphia							
Clover Hill	.....	20	30 42				
Addisville	54 98	126 61	119 19	140 07	41 55	39 03	42 73
Bethune Memorial	.....	10					
C. of Poughkeepsie							
First Poughkeepsie	88	161 40	307 10	12	.....	.....	18 50
Second Poughkeepsie	74 74	122 48	224 05	.....	43 32	.....	61 75
Fishkill	.....	137 86	218 77				
Hopewell	41 50	45	83 20	.....	.....	.....	49 80
New Hackensack	20 55	41 51	85 20	11 25	8	8	14 50
Rhinebeck	88 08	223 12	252 84	25 51	.....	21	51
Fishkill-on-Hudson	150	102 08	101 52				
Hyde Park	24 08	24 16	29 79	7 21			
Glenham	.....	58 30	66 71				
Cold Spring	.....	12	5 50				
Mill Brook	.....	57	220 15				
Classis of Raritan							
First Raritan		60	309 50				
Bedminster	79 50	149 06	246	102 60	.....	.....	60
Lebanon	13	18 26	60				
Rockaway	84 02	50 68	149 69	12			
North Branch	21 68	30	214	9 25			
Second Raritan	.....	89 70	188 72	98			
Peapack	.....	37 02	75	30 22			
Branchville	90	42 12	132 75	15 25	20		
Third Raritan	32 50	150 88	150	17	10	10	30
Easton	73 50	65	302 88	40	.....	.....	46
Warren	.....	2					
Plainfield Ger	4 55	22 60	.....	33 44			

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Raritan CONTINUED.							
Central Plainfield (German)	24 68						
Pottersville	.....	30 40	92 99				
High Bridge	.....	.....	55				
Clinton Station	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	1000
Cl. of Rensselaer							
Blooming Grove	9 40	.....	16 92				
Castleton	42 11	68 04	157	86 71			
Chatham	.....	.....	50				
First Ghent	15	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	10
Second Ghent	15	10	58				
Greenbush	.....	40 50	91 55	25			
Kinderhook	64 39	112 59	633 52	.....	15 55	15 55	
Nassau	60	80	90	50	.....	.....	85
New Concord	10	10	31 66	10	10	10	10
Schodack							
Schodack Landing	.....	54 36	27 48				
Stuyvesant	34 25	82	215	11 68	19 10	13 40	4 25
Stuyvesant Falls	10	10	9				
Cl. of Saratoga							
West Troy	.....	89 47	124 98				
South West Troy	.....	47	42				
Wynantskill	5	12	12				
Boght	.....	9	29	10			
Rensselaer							
Waterford							
Cohoes	41 50	72 02	85 07				
Union Village	.....	34 46	34 46				
Saratoga	16	.....	50	5			
Buskirk's	.....	.....	55				
Easton							
Schaghticoke	.....	.....	35				
Northumberland	12 25	10 50	90	10	2 30		
Gansevoort							
Fort Miller							
Jackson							
Cl. of Schenectady							
First Schenectady	72 25	152	202 50	26 66	.....	.....	42 77
Second "	.....	.....	.....	25			
Third "							
First Glenville	10 50	19 89	111 30	7 50	5 50	2 50	7 50
Second "							
First Rotterdam	8	11	12 28	.....	9		
Second "							
Helderberg	.....	.....	7 68				
Niskayuna	24 58	29 58	65 95	16 35	22 35	.....	15 55
Lisha's Kill	4 14	17 39	51 90	8 10	.....	.....	12 26
Amity	15	25	50	25	8 55	.....	7 50
Princetown							
Day	.....	.....	.....	2 76			
Cl. of Schoharie							
Schoharie	15 21	39 59	34 63	12 25	8 54	.....	4 14
Middleburgh	50	24 13	108 38	12	4 28	4 22	10 42
Gallupville	5	10	15	3	24	2	3

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
C. of Schoharie CONTINUED.							
Berne	30 47	30 50	100 50				
Beaver Dam	3 25	7 54	5				
Lawyerville	10	20	15	5			
Sharon	.....	15	20	5			
Gilboa	9	12 50	6 81				
North Blenheim	.....	.....	7 02				
Breakabin	.....	.....	11 26				
Schoharie Mountain							
Cobleskill							
Eminence							
C. of Ulster							
Blue Mountain	9 82	16 23	40 22	11 73			
Caatsban	.....	.....	75	50 55			
Esopus	.....	10 50	22				
Flatbush	27	25	104	10	12		
First Kingston	.....	152 07	504 73	34 58	7 68	.....	32 51
North Esopus	.....	78 75	63	25			
Plattekill	25	.....	111 90	.....	.....	.....	17
Saugerties	171 11	235 56	330 79	95	.....	.....	25
Shokan		3 12					
Shandaken	.....	5 64					
West Hurley	.....	.....	67 87	9 85			
Woodstock	5 85	7 40	40 08	6			
Wiltwyck	14 64	29 64	51 64	4 64			
C. of Westchester							
Bronxville	.....	.....	50				
Cortlandtown							
Fordham	50	40					
Greenburg	3 86	11 41	10 77				
Greenville	.....	15	16 64				
Hastings	32	100	145	37 88			
Melrose	.....	30					
Mount Vernon	26 50	10 10	267 16	.....	.....	.....	10 10
Peekskill	8 38	39 01	37 76	8 38			
Tarrytown, First	46 15	82 25	354 67	38 31	1 60	38 91	50 52
Tarrytown, Second	.....	.....	311 53	.....	.....	.....	100
Unionville	20 56	18 57	30 40				
West Farms							
White Plains	.....	11 70					
Yonkers	17 32	66 28	111 28	105 40	20	5 76	200
C. of Wisconsin							
Alto	.....	.....	57 85				
Bethlehem	.....	.....	39 80				
First Chicago	.....	20 50	.....	5			
Eden							
Franklin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 25
Forreston							
Fulton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Gibbsville	.....	18 20	49 48	.....	.....	.....	9 50
Holland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 34
High Prairie	.....	.....	2 60	.....	.....	.....	335 89
Low Prairie	18	.....	34	.....	.....	.....	37
Milwaukee	12 81	.....	40 58				
North Creek	.....	.....	3				
Oostburg	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
Sheboygan Falls							
Silver Creek	31 90	19 60	56 77				
Yorktown	.....	.....	9 10				
Two Rivers	.....	20	22 55				

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee of the last Synod, on the State of Religion, presented an account of expenses incurred in preparing and sending forth the Pastoral Letter, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts:

It was referred to the Committee on Accounts to consider the subject of provision for traveling expenses of delegates from the new Classis of Grand River.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Accounts would respectfully report that the Particular Synod of Chicago is represented by thirteen delegates, viz: Four from the Classis of Michigan, four from the Classis of Illinois, two from the Classis of Holland, one from the Classis of Wisconsin, two from the Classis of Grand River.

According to the rule of Synod the four first-named Classes are entitled to traveling expenses as follows, viz:

3	delegates from	Classis of	Michigan,	$28 each	$84
3	"	"	Illinois,	$36 "	108
2	"	"	Holland,	28 "	56
1	"	"	Wisconsin,	"	32

In regard to the recently formed Classis of Grand River, your Committee would offer the following:

Resolved, That the Classis of Grand River be allowed eighty-four dollars for the expenses of its delegates to General Synod, to be divided between not more than three delegates; and if less than three delegates be in attendance, that each delegate receive one-third of the sum thus appropriated.

The following bills have been put in the hands of the Committee:

Hosford & Sons for printing and distributing Pastoral letter,	$30 10
Newark *Daily Advertiser* for printing	9 25
Rev. T. W. Wells, expense in procuring Minutes of Classis of Paramus	6
Martin R. Dennis & Co., for Stationery	17 02
Sexton's salary	25
Total	$87 37

The Committee recommend that the delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago be paid the sums to which each is entitled, from the Contingent Fund of the General Synod, and also that the above bills, amounting in the aggregate to $87 37 cents, be paid.

The following estimate of contingent expenses for the current year has been received from the Treasurer of the General Synod:

Traveling expenses of delegates in attending meeting of General Synod	$372
Traveling expenses of Corresponding delegates	175
Salary and traveling expenses of Stated Clerk	175
Salary and expenses of Permanent Clerk	65
Expenses at meeting of Synod	75
Sundries	188
Total	$1,050

The Committee recommend that these estimated contingent expenses be apportioned by the Treasurer to the several Classes, that of Arcot being excepted.

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. HAGEMAN,
Chairman.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish the usual number of copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and to distribute among the Classes the number of copies ordered by them, and that the price of each copy be printed on the cover.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be returned to the Consistory of the North Reformed Church, of Newark, for the use of their church edifice during the present session of this Body.

Resolved, That the members of this Synod recognize with great

pleasure the attentive courtesy of the Rev. Mr. Hart and the other Pastors of Reformed Churches in Newark, in providing for their entertainment, and wish to make every grateful acknowledgment of the abundant and graceful attentions which they have received from families who have invited them to their homes, and to the ladies of the North Church for their beautiful and bountiful reception.

On calling the roll it appeared that Rev. S. F. Farmer, Rev. D. N. Vanderveer, and the Elder James Kiersted were absent without leave.

The Minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in the North Church of Albany, on the first Wednesday in June, 1871, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and was closed with singing and prayer, and the pronouncing of the Apostolic Benediction by Rev. Dr. B. C. Taylor.

A. G. VERMILYE, *President*,
EWD. W. BENTLEY, *Adsessor*,
T. W. WELLS, } *Clerks, pro tem.*
J. L. AMERMAN, }
P. D. VAN CLEEF, *Perm'nt Clk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

DAVID D. DEMAREST, *Stated Clerk.*

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Presidents of General Synod.

YEAR	PRESIDENTS	FROM WHAT STATE	PLACE OF MEETING
1794—	Rev. William Linn	New York	Albany, N. Y.
1797—	Rev. Dirck Romeyn	"	New York.
1800—	Rev. Ira Condict	New Jersey	Albany.
1803—	Rev. John H. Livingston	New York	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
1806—	Rev. James V. C. Romeyn	New Jersey	Albany.
1809—	Rev. Nicholas Lansing	New York	New York.
1812—	Rev. Jacob Sickles	"	Albany.
1814—	Rev. John M. Bradford	"	New York.
1815—	Rev. John Schureman	New Jersey	Albany.
1816—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead	Pennsylvania	New York.
1817—	Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook	New York	Albany.
1818—	Rev. William McMurray	"	New York.
1819—	Rev. John M. Bradford	"	Albany.
1820—	Rev. James S. Cannon	New Jersey	New York.
1821—	Rev. Selah S. Woodhull	New York	Albany.
1822—	Rev. Philip Milledoler	"	New York.
1823—	Rev. Jesse Fonda	"	Albany.
1824—	Rev. Thomas De Witt	"	New York.
1825—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead	Pennsylvania	Albany.
1826—	Rev. John Ludlow	New York	New York.
1827—	Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler	"	Philadelphia.
1828—	Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker	"	Albany.
1829—	Rev. John Knox	"	New York.
1830—	Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge	New Jersey	New Brunswick, N. J.
1831—	Rev. John Gosman	New York	Albany.
1832—	Rev. Isaac Ferris	"	New York.
1833—	Rev. Jacob J. Janeway	"	Schenectady, N. Y.
1834—	Rev. Sam. A. Van Vranken	New Jersey	New York.
1835—	Rev. Robert Bronk	New York	Philadelphia.
1836—	Rev. Thomas M. Strong	"	Albany.
1837—	Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff	"	New York.
1838—	Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor	New Jersey	Albany.
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Taylor, William J. R	Newark, N. J	63
Ten Eyck, James B	Walden, N. Y	80
Ten Eyck, William H	Astoria, N. Y	72
Terhune, Edward P	Newark, N. J	63
Te Winkel, J. W	Cedar Grove, Wis	92
Thompson, Abraham	Pella, Iowa	70
Thompson, Alexander R	320 W. 30th st., New York city	78
Thompson, John B	Saugerties, N. Y	90
Thompson, Henry P	Pea Pack, N. J	85
Timlow, H. R		79
Todd, Augustus F	Piermont, N. Y	81
Todd, John A	Tarrytown, N. Y	91
Tomb, J. S. L	Wynantskill, N. Y	87
Turner, William E	Grahamsville, N. Y	80
Uiterwyck, Henry	Vriesland, Mich	68
Van Aken, Enoch	361 W. 27th st., N. Y. City	78
Van Aken, Gulick	Freehold, N. J	75
Van Amburgh, Robert	High Bridge, N. J	85
Van Arsdale, J. R	Magee's Corners, N. Y	65
Van Arsdale, N. H	High Falls, N. Y	71
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Van Buskirk, P. V	Closter, N. J	62
Van Cleef, Cornelius	Poughkeepsie, N. Y	84
Van Cleef, Paul D	Jersey City, N. J	63
Vandermeulen, Cornelius	Grand Rapids, Mich	66
Vandermeulen, Jacob	Holland, Mich	68
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Vanderscheur, K	Sheboygan, Wis	92
Vanderveen, C	Grand Rapids, Mich	74
Vanderveer, David N	Kingston, N. Y	90
Vanderveer, F. H	Warwick, N. Y	81
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Van Doren, John A	Clinton Station, N. J	85
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Van Gieson, A. P	Poughkeepsie, N. Y	84
Van Nest, Abraham R	Florence, Italy	78
Van Neste, George J	Little Falls, N. J	82
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Van Slyke, Evert	West Farms, N. Y	91
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Van Vechten, Jacob	Auburn, N. Y	60
Van Vechten, Samuel	Fishkill, N. Y	84
Van Vranken, Adam H	Centreville, Mich	74
Van Vranken, F. V	Glen, N. Y	76
Van Woert, J. H	Lawyerville, N. Y	89
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Van Zandt, A. B	Montgomery, N. Y	80
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Vedder, Edwin	Gallupville, N. Y	89
Vedder, Herman	Pine Plains, N. Y	84
Veenhuizen. A. B	Pultneyville, N. Y	65
Vehslage, Henry, Jr	Irvington, N. J	63
Verbeck, Guido F	Nagasaki, Japan	64
Vermilye, A. G	Utica, N. Y	64
Vermilye, Thomas E	50 E. 49th st., New York City	78
Voorhees, H. M	Bethlehem Centre, N. Y	60
Voorhees, W. B	Clover Hill, N. J	83
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Voorhis, Jacob N	Ulster Park, N. Y	90
Wadsworth, Charles	2,119 Spring Garden st., Phila	83
Wagner, John M	Williamsburgh, N. Y	72
Waldron, C. N	Cohoes, N Y	87
Ward, Henry	New Hackensack, N. Y	84
Warner, Alexander H	Hackensack, N. J	62
Warner, Isaac W. (candidate)	Williamsburgh, N. Y	72
Warnshuis, J. W	Cleveland, Ohio	65
Watson, Alexander, (candidate)	Sing Sing, N. Y	91
Watson, Thomas G	Tompkinsville, N. Y	79
Welch, R. B	Schenectady, N. Y	88
Wells, Cornelius L	Flatbush, N. Y	73
Wells, Theodore W	Bayonne, N. J	63
Wells, Ransford	Stuyvesant Falls, N. Y	86
Wenisch, John	Newark, N. J	63
West, Jacob	34 Vesey street, New York City	73
Westveer, Adrian	Clymer, N. Y	60
Whitbeck, John	Ithaca, N. Y	65
Whitbeck, R. M	Livingston, N. Y	69
Whitehead, Charles	64 W. 35th st., New York City	78
Wiggins, Ebenezer	New York City	79
Wiley, Charles	Hackensack, N. J	62
Williams, Richard R	Canajoharie, N. Y	76
Williamson, N. D	Norris, Ill	70
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Willis, Ralph	Spotswood, N. J	75
Wilson, A. D	Fairview, Ill	70
Wilson, Charles W	Two Rivers, Wis	92
Wilson, Frederick F	Mohawk, N. Y	76
Wilson James B	Long Branch, N. J	75
Wilson, Joseph	Little Falls, N. J	82
Winter, Egbert	Pella, Iowa	70
Woodbridge, Samuel	New Brunswick, N. J	
Wortman, Denis	Schenectady, N. Y	88
Wurts, Wm. A	Vernon, N. Y	64
Wust, W. C. (suspended)	Lodi, N. J	81
Wyckoff, A. N	Glenham, N. Y	84
Wyckoff, D. B	Woodstock, N. Y	90
Wyckoff, Jacob S	Wood Haven, N. Y	87
Wyckoff, James	Queens, N. Y	72
Wynkoop, Jefferson	Cuba, N. Y	72
Yasadian, V. (candidate)	India	61
Zabriskie, A. A	Keyport, N. J	75
Zabriskie, F. N	Claverack, N. Y	69
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Acts and Proceedings

OF THE

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OF THE

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In America,

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IN THE

CITY OF ALBANY, IN JUNE, 1871.

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OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA, CONVENED AT ALBANY, N. Y., ON WEDNESDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE. THE SESSION CONTINUED FROM THE SEVENTH TO THE FIFTEENTH DAY INCLUSIVE.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye, President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the Evening of the first day of the Session, from Psalm 96: 6. "Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From the Particular Synod of New York.

1. *From the Classis of Arcot.—Minister*—Joseph Scudder.

2. *From the Classis of Hudson.—Ministers*—John McC. Holmes, D.D., [1]G. D. W. Bodine, [1]T. S. Dusinberre. *Elders*—R. Gardner,[4] Robert B. Shepard, [1]J. W. Ten Broeck.[2]

3. *From the Classis of Kingston.—Minister*—Philip Peltz, D.D. *Elder*—J. Hasbrouck.

4. *From the North Classis of Long Island.—Ministers*—William H. Ten Eyck, D.D., Charles I. Shepard, [1]E. S. Porter, D.D. *Elders*—J. D. Fowler, [1]Wm. Ferris.

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1. Took his seat on the second day of the Session.
2. Obtained leave of absence on the fourth day of the Session.
3. " " sixth "
4. " " ninth "

5. *From the South Classis of Long Island.—Ministers*— N. P. Pierce, John M. Van Buren, [1]Edward P. Ingersoll. *Elders*— Michael Bergen, J. Debevoise.

6. *From the Classis of New York.—Ministers*—D. McL. Quackenbush, D.D., John Forsyth, D.D., [1]James M. Ludlow. *Elders*— James Anderson, Samuel B. Schieffelin, [2]Henry Camerden, Jr.

7. *From the South Classis of New York.—Ministers*—M. S. Hutton, D.D., John B. Steele, Thomas G. Watson.

8. *From the Classis of Orange.—Ministers*—Cyril Spaulding, W. S. Brown,[4] [2]Gilbert S. Garretson.[6] *Elder*—[1]N. C. Clark.

9. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Ministers*—Henry Dater,[6] Oliver E. Cobb, A. P. Stockwell. *Elders*—B. F. Pond,[6] [1]H. B. Rosa.

10. *From the Classis of Westchester.—Ministers*—Evert Van Slyke, David Cole, D.D., [2]Polhemus Van Wyck. *Elders*—J. S. Van Court, S. W. Devoe.[4]

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.—Ministers*—Rufus W. Clark, D.D., H. M. Voorhees, Jacob Van Vechten, D.D. *Elders*— Robert H. Pruyn, A. McIntyre, G. Wemple.[4]

2. *From the Classis of Cayuga.—Ministers*—Martin L. Berger, Ashbel G. Vermilye, D.D.

3. *From the Classis of Geneva.—Ministers*—James L. Southard, Adrian Westveer, [1]J. C. Forsyth. *Elders*—J. H. Warnshuis, [1]Peter Rapelye.[6]

4. *From the Classis of Greene.—Ministers*—Benjamin Van Zandt, D.D.,[5] Isaac S. Demund, D.D.,[6] J. K. Rhinehart. *Elders*— James Lewis, Peter H. Storm,[2] F. Elting.

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1. Took his seat on the second day of the Session.
2. " " third "
3. " " sixth "
4. Obtained leave of absence on the sixth day of the Session.
5. " " eighth "
6. " " ninth "

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.—Ministers*—Gilbert Lane, [1]F. V. Van Vranken,[2] G. D. Consaul. *Elders*—J. H. Parks,[4] B. N. Curtis.

6. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.—Ministers*—Edward A. Collier, John H. Bevier, [3]A. H. Brush. *Elders*—Richard Graves, Jeremiah Link, Charles W. Lovejoy.[5]

7. *From the Classis of Saratoga.—Minister*—J. P. Viele.[5] *Elders*—Abram Marshall, E. Andrews.[1]

8. *From the Classis of Schenectady.—Ministers*—William W. Letson, [1]S. L. Gamble, [1]A. A. Bookstaver. *Elders*—Wm. J. Relyea, F. N. Vischer, [1]J. J. Marlett.

9. *From the Classis of Schoharie.—Ministers*—S. H. Cobb,[6] [3]Edwin Vedder.

10. *From the Classis of Ulster.—Ministers*—N. F. Chapman, W. L. James, C. Blauvelt. *Elders*—Cornelius C. Brink, [1]John Kiersted, [1]Levi Demund.

From the Particular Synod of Chicago.

1. *From the Classis of Michigan.—Ministers*—J. W. Beardslee, W. J. Skillman, Peter Moerdyk.

2. *From the Classis of Illinois.—Ministers*—Henry E. Decker, G. H. Peeke, N. D. Williamson. *Elders*—[1]J. D. Post, [1]E. M. Hoff.

3. *From the Classis of Holland.—Ministers*—E. C. Oggel, Henry Uiterwyck, Philip Phelps, Jr., D.D.

4. *From the Classis of Wisconsin.—Minister*—B. DeBey. *Elder*—A. De Roo.

5. *From the Classis of Grand River.—Ministers*—M. Kiekintveld, [1]A. Kriekaard.

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1. Took his seat on the second day of the Session.
2. " " fourth "
3. " " sixth "
4. Obtained leave of absence on the fourth day of the Session.
5. " " sixth "
6. " " eighth. "
7. " " ninth, "

From the Particular Synod of N. Brunswick.

1. *From the Classis of Bergen.—Ministers*—[1]Rev. H. Losch, [2]J. Howard Suydam.

2. *From the South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers*—William J. R. Taylor, D.D., Henry Vehslage, Jr., Cornelius Brett.[6] *Elders*—Jacob L. Sutphen,[*] N. B. Lane,[5] [2]John Van Horn, Jr.

3. *From the Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers*—James B. Wilson, A. A. Zabriskie, Garret C. Schanck. *Elder*—John Dorrance.[6]

4. *From the Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers*—Richard H. Steele, D.D., S. L. Mershon, [4]A. McWilliam. *Elders*—A. V. Garretson, [1]Teunis Hoagland.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.—Ministers*—Marshall B. Smith, A. F. Todd. *Elders*—John N. Terhune,[6] Garret J. Blauvelt,[6] John W. Ferdon.

6. *From the Classis of Passaic.—Ministers*—John N. Jansen, John Steele, John V. N. Schenk. *Elder*—R. A. Van Houten.

7. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.—Minister*—Isaac S. Hartley. *Elders*—Daniel S. Jones, [3]R. E. Nichols.

8. *From the Classis of Raritan.—Ministers*—Charles H. Pool, William Pitcher. *Elders*—Daniel Lewis, James E. Main,[5] Jerome Van Nest.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. William J. R. Taylor was elected *President;* Rev. John McC. Holmes, *Assessor;* and Rev. Martin L. Berger and Rev. Cornelius Brett, *Clerks pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last ordinary Session of the Synod were read.

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* Succeeded by S. R. W. Heath, on the sixth day of the Session.
1. Took his seat on the second day of the Session.
2. " " third "
3. " " fourth "
4. " " sixth "
5. Obtained leave of absence on the sixth day of the Session.
6. " " ninth "

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On the Professorate.—Rev. D. McL. Quackenbush, A. G. Vermilye, N. D. Williamson. *Elders*—James Anderson, Jacob L. Sutphen.*

On Overtures.—Rev. C. I. Shepard, M. S. Hutton, Charles H. Pool. *Elders*—S. B. Schieffelin, J. De Bevoise.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, James B. Wilson, Edward A. Collier. *Elders*—N. B. Lane, Jeremiah Link.

On Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund.—Rev. David Cole, George H. Peeke, I. S. Hartley. *Elders*—John Dorrance, E. M. Hoff.

On Foreign Missions.—Rev. O. E. Cobb, E. S. Porter, M. B. Smith. *Elders*—D. S. Jones, A. McIntyre.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. R. W. Clark, J. M. Ludlow, Benjamin Van Zandt. *Elders*—B. F. Pond, Richard Graves.

On Education.—Rev. Henry E. Decker, John Forsyth, Wm. W. Letson. *Elders*—N. B. Lane, J. Hasbrouck.

On Judicial Business.—Rev. J. N. Jansen, N. P. Pierce, Henry Dater. *Elders*—Robert H. Pruyn, Jerome Van Nest.

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*Was succeeded by S. R. W. Heath, on the seventh day of the Session.

On the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds.—Rev. Isaac S. Demund, T. G. Watson, A. Westveer. *Elders*—A. W. McIntyre, William Ferris.

On Publication.—Rev. R. H. Steele, E. P. Ingersoll, H. Vehslage, Jr. *Elders*—J. D. Fowler, Abram Marshall.

On Nominations.—Rev. John Steele, Joseph Scudder, J. V. N. Schenk. *Elders*—J. Hasbrouck, J. Gardner.

On Correspondence.—Rev. Philip Peltz, J. M. Van Buren, James L. Southard. *Elders*—N. C. Clark, Peter Rapelye.

On Accounts.—Rev. Gilbert Lane, Wm. J. Skillman, A. A. Zabriskie. *Elders*—A. V. Garretson, J. S. Van Court.

On Leave of Absence.—Rev. E. Van Slyke, H. M. Voorhees, J. K. Rhinehart. *Elders*—G. J. Blauvelt, James E. Main.

On the Board of Direction.—Elders—J. W. Ferdon, S. B. Schieffelin, Robert H. Pruyn, Robert B. Shepard, Daniel S. Jones.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following Report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and was referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in Peter Hertzog Hall, at New Brunswick, on Tuesday, May 16, 1871, at 12 o'clock M., and adjourned on Wednesday evening, at 10 P. M.

The President Rev. A. C. Millspaugh opened the session with prayer, Rev. Alexander M. Mann, D.D., was elected President, and Rev. P. M. Doolittle, *clerk pro tem.*

The following members were present:

Rev. A. C. Millspaugh,	Rev. J. H. Oerter,
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" J. Howard Suydam,	" B. C. Lippincott,
" Edward P. Terhune,	" J. E. Bernhart,

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" J. H. Manning,	" Edwin Vedder,
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" R. M. Stanbrough,	" David Cole,
" C. D. Hartranft,	" A. P. Peeke,

Rev. Selah W. Strong

The following Classes were not represented in the Board, viz.:

Greene, Holland, Illinois, Kingston, Michigan, Orange, Poughkeepsie, Schenectady and Wisconsin.

The seats of the following members became vacant by the expiration of the term for which they were appointed, viz.: Revs. F. A. Horton, Jacob Vandermeulen, Egbert Winter, Augustus Blauvelt, J. H. Oerter, B. C. Lippincott, William Anderson, and Jacob N. Voorhees.

Appointments are to be made by the next General Synod, for the full term, from the following Classes, viz.: Greene, Holland, Kingston, New York, Paramus, Rensselaer, Ulster and Illinois.

From the Report of the Professors it appears that the following Students have been members of the Theological Seminary.

Senior Class.

P. G. M. Bahler,	Matthew N. Oliver,
Vernon B. Carroll,	William H. Van Doren.
William E. Davis,	

Middle Class.

Edward Cornet,	William J. Hill,
Robert Doig,	Edward Lodewick,
William Elliot Griffis,	Ferdinand S. Schenck.
John Hart,	

Junior Class.

Asher Anderson,	John F. McLaury,
George R. Garretson,	Nicholas Pearse,
Charles K. Jones,	Richard A. Pearse,
D. M. Knickerbocker,	Jacob W. Schenck,
George W. Labaw,	Graham Taylor,
Calvin E. Lasher,	John C. Vandeventer.

The following items of interest are gathered from the report of the Faculty of the Seminary:

That Mr. William E. Griffis of the Middle Class having been invited to take charge of a school in Japan, has accepted this invitation and proceeded to that field: that Mr. Charles K. Jones of the Junior Class, a married man, has availed himself of special facilities for more economical living elsewhere to remove to another Theological Seminary: that Mr. D. M. Knickerbocker, also of the Junior Class, is in Europe, having been compelled to intermit his studies by the temporary failure of his eyes. The Board allowed him to go on with his class upon his return next Fall. The report also states the marked advantage of having a Rector in the Hall, in moral influence perceptible in the whole life of the student. An increased spirit of prayer, and a deeper sense of the greatness of the ministerial work are observable. With the abundant blessing of God in providing means for the support of the institution, there has also been evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence in the hearts of the young men, giving hopeful indications of the time when the Hall shall manifest in all its members an earnest and devoted piety.

The usual examinations of the several classes in the Seminary were conducted by the Professors in the presence of the Board.

Sermons were presented by the higher classes, for inspection by the Board, and brief analyses prepared by the Middle Class.

After specimens of preaching by the members of the Senior Class, these gentlemen were severally examined on personal piety, and their views in entering upon the ministry.

All the students were interrogated in regard to the rule of Synod, concerning students preaching, and their answer was satisfactory.

It was unanimously *Resolved*, That the several examinations be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Professors to receive the customary certificate.

Professor De Witt having called the attention of the Board to the insufficent preparation of the students in Latin and Greek, resulting from the omission of these studies in our Colleges, after the Sophomore year, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the Board:

Whereas, Colleges are universally adopting the Eclectic system, and

Whereas, Some College students, who propose to enter our Seminary, neglect the study of Latin and Greek after the Sophomore year, and thus have an insufficient knowledge of these languages for the advantageous prosecution of an exegetical course, therefore,

Resolved, That this Board request General Synod to pass a law which shall, in every practicable case, require the study of the Latin and Greek during as much of the College course as the student may attend.

The Standing Committee appointed on Hertzog Theological Hall made their report to the Board, whereupon it was

Resolved, 1st. That the Board feel that they cannot express in too high terms their appreciation of the work performed by the Committee: and their hearty approbation of the principles upon which it has been conducted: and that they most cordially adopt the Report of the Committee, and transmit it to General Synod as their own, recommending the adoption of all its suggestions and requests.

Resolved, 2nd. That the Board have heard with great pleasure and thankfulness of the liberality of Mr. Gardner A. Sage and James Suydam, and would recommend to General Synod that the two new buildings about to be erected by their generosity be entitled—the one—the Gardner A. Sage Library—and the other—the James Suydam Hall.

Resolved, 3d. That the Board would express their grateful acknowledgment of the wisdom displayed by the Library Committee, and their cordial approbation of the principles upon which the books have been selected.

The Board of Superintendents also feel that in view of the report of the Committee they but gratify their own sense of justice and of gratitude to the Rev. Jas. A. H. Cornell, when they record on their minutes their approbation, and their thanks for his invaluable services.

In conclusion the Board suggest to the Committee on the Theological Hall the desirableness of having their report published and spread before the Church. The simple story therein told cannot

but benefit the Church, and cheer the hearts of all who lov Christ and our Church.

The action of the Synod upon the resolutions of the Board las year respecting two proposed lectureships referred to on page 11 o the Minutes, being unsatisfactory, the attention of the Synod i again called to this matter, and their resolution reaffirmed by th Board.

The annual address to the students of the Seminary was deliver ed by Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D., in the Chapel, on Wednesda evening.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. TERHUNE,
JOSEPH SCUDDER,
JAMES B. WILSON,
Committe

P. D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk.*

A reference on the subject of Dispensations and Licenses wa received from the Particular Synod of New York, and referred t the Committee on Overtures.

A communication was received from Rev. Philip Phelps, resign ing his position as Professor elect of Exegetical Theology in Hop College, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate

An application was received from the South Classis of Berge for a dispensation for Mr. William Smith, which was referred to th Committee on Overtures.

A communication was received from Rev. Profs. Scott and Beck accepting their appointment as Lectors in Hope College for th year, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Classis of Passaic, re questing the Synod to have a column in the Statistical Tables fo reports of salaries of ministers, and referred to the Committe on Overtures.

A communication was received from the Trustees of Rutger College, asking the Synod to change the day of prayer for colleges to the last Thursday in January, was referred to the Committee o the State of Religion.

the subject of church extension, and asking for the appointment of Rev. E. P. Livingston to solicit contributions from the Churches for the Church Building Fund, and was referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

A communication on the subject of Freemasonry was received from the Classis of Wisconsin, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication was received from Madison M. Ball, student in Rutgers College, asking for a dispensation to enter the Theological Seminary, and was referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A petition was received from Rev. C. D. Buck in reference to appeal case of Mrs. McKinney, and referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

A communication was received from the Classis of Illinois, urging the propriety of appointing some western men on the Board of Domestic Missions, which was referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

A communication was received from Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr., in reference to collections received in endowment of Hope College, and loan made to the Church of Mattoax, Virginia, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

An invitation from the Elder Robert H. Pruyn, to the members of the Synod, secretaries, corresponding delegates, &c., to meet at his house on the evening of the seventh day of the session, was accepted.

An invitation was received from the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Albany, inviting the members of the Synod to be present at a social reception given at said church on Thursday evening.

Resolved, That as far as may be consistent with the business of the Synod, this invitation is cordially accepted.

An invitation to the Synod to hold its next stated session in the Middle Church of Brooklyn, was received and accepted.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The following Report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Annual Digest, the Treasurer's Annual Account, List of Securities belonging to the General Synod, Education Fund Account, Widows' Fund Account, Widows' Fund Income Account, Hope College Endowment Fund Account, Disabled Ministers' Fund Account, List of Endowed Scholarships, Expense Account, Estimate of Expenses, Van Benschoten and Knox Fund Accounts.

Resolved, That the above report be referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction, and the documents accompanying it be referred to the several appropriate Committees.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, the Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were chosen: Mr. Peter R. Warner, *President;* Rev. M. S. Hutton, Mr. John Van Nest, Mr. James Suydam, *Directors;* and Mr. John I. Brower, *Treasurer.*

The Committee on the Board of Direction presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

The Board of Direction of General Synod, beg leave to report that there have been received the following bequests:

From the Executor of Magdalene V. H. Slaght, deceased, the sum of $300, less the United States Internal Revenue Tax of $18, bequeathed by her for the benefit of indigent young men preparing for the Ministry in the Reformed Church.

From the Executors of Mrs. Maria R. Lefferts, deceased, the sum of $2,500, less the United States Internal Revenue Tax of $150, being on account of the distributive share of the remainder of her Estate, as Legatee under the will, to be added to the "Maria R. Leffert's Fund," the income whereof is to be devoted to the support and education of young men for the Gospel Ministry in the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, and $250, less U. S. Internal Revenue Tax $15, for the support of Western Missions of

said Church, and $250, less the United States Internal Revenue Tax of $15, for the support of Foreign Missions of said Church.

From the Executors of Ann James, deceased, the sum of $2,500, less United States Internal Revenue Tax of $150, bequeathed by her to be applied to the support and education of pious indigent young men preparing for the Gospel Ministry, said bequest to bear the name of "The Ann James Fund;" and $1,000, less the United States Internal Revenue Tax of $60, bequeathed by her, for the aid of needy Ministers and Churches of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

Hope College Endowment Fund.—There has been received for this Fund during the year from Churches and individual contributions, the sum of $1,923 96, and the fund now amounts to $21,-270 89.

Widow's Fund.—This Fund amounts to $32,700 32. The collections from Churches, individuals, &c., during the past year amount to $2,364 63. Two annual subscribers have withdrawn from the Fund the proportion of the amount of their former subscriptions to which they were entitled under the rules for the government of the Fund. Annuities have been paid from the Fund for the six months ending May 1st, and November 1st, 1870, amounting in the aggregate to $1,766 25.

Your Board would report that the amount received to the 1st of May last, on account of the assessment of $20,000 made by the General Synod in June, 1864, for the purpose of increasing the permanent Fund of Synod, is $17,347 91.

The following Classes were in arrears for contingent expenses on the 1st of May last, viz.:

Classis of Holland	$27 10
Classis of Hudson	26 60
Classis of Illinois	40 65
North Classis of Long Island	100 60
Classis of Monmouth	15 82
Classis of Montgomery	26 50
Classis of Orange	116 43
Classis of Paramus	283 01
Classis of Poughkeepsie	3 75
Classis of Raritan	85 00

Classis of Saratoga	260 98
Classis of Schoharie	16 04
Classis of Westchester	29 44
Classis of Wisconsin	27 00
	$1,058 92

The following Classes were in arrears on the 1st of May last for assessment to increase the Permanent Fund of General Synod, by the sum of $20,000, viz.:

Classis of Bergen	$555 11
South Classis of Bergen	1,066 00
Classis of Greene	133 08
Classis of Montgomery	147 00
South Classis of New York	79 95
Classis of Paramus	177 80
Classis of Rensselaer	336 59
	$2,495 53

In compliance with the resolution of the Synod adopted at their last meeting, the Board, through the clerks of the different Classes in this country addressed a circular to almost every settled pastor, and to the Consistories of such Churches as were without pastors, calling attention to the large debt of the Synod, and the embarrassment produced thereby, and, as directed by the Synod, solicited contributions averaging *One Dollar* for each communicant, and such further sums as others were disposed to contribute, that the indebtedness might be extinguished, and the current expenses of Synod be defrayed until the revenue from the Permanent Fund should be sufficient for the disbursements. It was hoped that the pittance sought for, and the object expected to be accomplished, would commend the application to the favor of all the ministry and members of the Church, and that a cheerful and prompt compliance with so reasonable a request would be rendered, but it is with regret that the Board is compelled to state, that, with the exception of a small collection in the Collegiate Churches, and another in the Church at Nyack, they have not received a single response to their appeal,

and the consequence is that the indebtedness for advances has been largely increased.

The stated expenses for the year 1870 and 71, were,

Salaries of the Professors, with one quarter's house rent	$12,125 00	
Salary of the Janitor of Hertzog Hall, with fuel,	120 00	
Salary of the Clerk of the Board of Superintendents, &c	30 20	
Salary of the Treasurer of General Synod, &c.,	509 73	$12,784 93
Insurance,		463 15
		$13,248 08
Paid for contingent expenses		857 59
		$14,105 67

The income from the Permanent Fund, with Church collections, was	$11,729 97	
Less interest paid on borrowed money	491 57	
	$11,238 40	
Received for contingent expenses	1,103 25	$12,341 65
Leaving a deficiency of		$1764, 02

The expenditures for improvements and repairs to the Seminary, over the revenue from Mrs. Hertzog's Legacy, were in a measure provided for in subscriptions for the Permanent Fund, *or for such repairs*, to the amount of Fourteen Thousand Dollars, of which sum $7,700, has been paid. In the hope that the Churches would defray such expenses by contributions, the said subscriptions were placed to the credit of the Permanent Fund, that the liberal donors might be enrolled with those participating in the endowment of the Seminary.

In furtherance of the objects which have occupied the time and services of Rev. Doctor Cornell, he has obtained from James Suy-

for the erection of a suitable building upon the Seminary grounds, for Gymnastic and Academic purposes; and has also obtained from Gardner A. Sage, Esq., another act of munificence in the promise to erect upon the grounds of the Seminary a fire-proof Building for a Library.

During the time in which Doctor Cornell has been engaged in the advancement of the interests of Synod, he has been the instrument in the hands of Providence of securing to the General Synod subscriptions for buildings, including those to be erected, to the amount of $118,000, of which $68,000, has been paid—for a Library $47,500, of which $27,500 has been paid, and $15,000 expended for books; and for the Permanent Fund $72,955, of which $60,655 has been paid.

So much of the result of his labors as are herein stated, will alone show that a kind Providence has smiled upon the efforts of Doctor Cornell and the present prospect encourages the belief that at no remote period the Funds of the Synod will reach such an amount that the revenue therefrom will be adequate to meet every reasonable claim, and from the surplus to indemnify the entire expense of the endowment.

Although the aggregate of the subscriptions obtained is large, and adds much to the wealth of the Synod, comparatively, only a small portion of the amount subscribed is as yet available for the expenses of Synod,—still, the improvements made and contemplated upon and about the Seminary are such as entitle them to the approbation of the Church, and also as are calculated to secure liberal contributions towards the endowment, and thereby in time afford all the supply needed

The erection of the Buildings alluded to, and the enlargement of the Library, will necessarily increase the expenses, and a large addition to the Permanent Fund will be required to meet the demands upon the revenue as they occur. And in order to avoid embarrassment in the future, it is the intention of the Board to continue the services of Doctor Cornell, until such an amount shall be accumulated that every expense of Synod, except such as may be of an extraordinary kind, shall be readily met by the revenue

therefrom, and this end the Board have the greatest confid
will be attained.

In the meantime it is indispensable that Synod should de
some means to meet current expenses, for which, as they will
ceive from the foregoing statement of receipts and expenditure
the Seminary, the present income is altogether inadequate, an
already stated, the effort recently made by the Board for
object having been unsuccessful.

The amount of indebtedness of Synod being advances for
aries, insurance, contingent expenses, and repairs, has, to the
tent thereof, lessened the amount from which revenue could be
rived, and until replaced by the Churches, or the Permanent F
be largely increased by additional contributions, the income
continue insufficient for the disbursements, hence the necessity
immediate action on the part of Synod.

The expenditures which have produced this debt were directe
the Church through its representatives in the Synod, and were
services rendered, and for the promotion of its divers interests
debt therefore is of the Church at large, and should be so rega
and speedily liquidated,—an event which could easily be ac
plished by a very small effort.

The Board is not unmindful of the requirement of the
ditional By-Law adopted in 1868, but does not feel at liber
this time to offer any resolution for the consideration of Sy
upon financial measures, as in the present emergency the only a
native seems, an assessment upon the Classes, or a reductio
salaries,—neither of which does the Board desire to recomm
and would be grateful if both could be avoided; they therefore
compelled to refer the subject to the Synod, in the hope that s
way may be devised by which a voluntary offering on the par
the Churches may render so unpleasant a choice unnecessary.

In accordance with the resolution of Synod, the Board have
tained a new Seal in conformity with the present style of
Church, being very nearly a *fac simile* of the former one, with

exception of the inscription;—and they now enquire what disposition shall be made of the old Seal.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. R. WARNER, *President.*
M. S. HUTTON,
JOHN VAN NEST, } *Directors.*
JAMES SUYDAM,
JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

New York, 3d June, 1871.

Treasurer's Annual Account.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, in account with JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

1870.		Dr.		
May	14	To Cash paid the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, as follows, viz:		
		for repairs on said Hall.....	$500	
	21	for the use of the Library	600	
		for the use of the Library	2,000	
				3,100
	21	paid annuitants, from the Widow's Fund, for the six months ending 1st inst.....		1,036
June	4	paid John C. F. Ihlenburg and Herman H. Ausderoh, per Miller, Peet and Opdyke, seven thousand dollars, being balance of a loan on their bond and mortgage of fifteen thousand dollars.		7,000
	7	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary, for one quarter's salary due 1st inst., viz:		
		Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.....	750	
		John DeWitt, D.D.....	750	
		Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D...	750	
		Joseph F. Berg, D.D.	750	
		" " " allowance for one quarter's house rent to 1st inst.....	125	
				3,125
	9	paid for insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, for one year from this date.....		193 15
	9	paid Rev. J. F. Harris for traveling expenses as Corresponding Delegate.....		39 47
	10	paid Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago, for expenses in attending the Meeting of General Synod this month.....		336
	13	paid Rev. David Cole, D.D., for expenses as Corresponding Delegate.....		12
	13	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., as follows, viz:		
		for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents....	25	
		expenses of the Board.....	5 20	
		for one year's salary as Permanent Clerk of General Synod....	50	
				80 20
		Carried forward		$14,921 22

1870.		Dr.		
		Brought forward.....		$14,921 82
June	15	To Cash paid Rev. James A. H. Cornell, D.D., amount contributed for furnishing rooms for students in the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....		400
	17	paid Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer:		
		for six months' interest, to May 1st, on amount of invested scholarships.....	1,906 39	
		for balance of interest for the six months ending May 1st, on Hope College Endowment Fund.....	119 26	
				2,025 65
	17	paid Hosford & Sons, for printing 500 Pastoral Letters, Postage, etc.....		30 10
	17	paid Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D., as follows, viz:		
		for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod	150	
		for traveling expenses.....	3 50	
		Postage.....	4	
		binding Minutes.....	5	
		bill of stationery of M. R. Dennis & Co.	17 02	
		bill of Newark *Daily Advertiser* for printing	9 25	
		services of Peter Rankin for attendance on Synod.....	25	
		bill of carriage hire.....	6	
				219 77
	18	paid Rev. J. G. Johnson, for traveling expenses as Corresponding Delegate		41 25
	18	paid the following persons amount of appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund, made by the General Synod at their meeting this month, viz:		
		Rev. A. C. Hillman.....	200	
		R. W. Knight.....	100	
		Mrs. Nanning Bogardus.....	100	
				400
July	2	Insurance on the three Professorial dwellings at New Brunswick, N. J., for one year from this date		90
	18	for portraits taken by Nicholas B. Kittell, as per agreement with donor to the Theological Seminary.....		800
	28	George H. Lovet, for a Corporate Seal for "The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America".....		8
		for two Blank Books.....		12 75
	29	the following persons, amount of appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund, made by		
		Carried forward.....		$18,949 34

1870.		Dr.		
		Brought forward		$18,949
July	29	the General Synod at their meeting in June last, viz:		
		Rev. H. Slauson	300	
		N. J. Marselus, D.D	300	
		Thomas B. Gregory	300	
		Miss Mary A. May, per Rev. H. D. Ganse	300	
				1,200
Aug.	1	paid Rev. James Demarest, Jr., for traveling expenses as Corresponding Delegate		34
	9	paid the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, per Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer, as follows:		
		for the Library of the Theological Seminary	3,000	
		for repairs on said Hall	600	
				3,600
	18	Board of Domestic Missions, per John R. Smith, Treasurer, amount received from estate of Mrs. Maria R. Lefferts		235
	18	Board of Foreign Missions, per G. G. Smith, Treasurer, amount received from estate of Mrs. Maria R. Lefferts		235
	18	paid for amount borrowed June 4th	3,000	
		for interest thereon	43 15	
				3,043
	30	paid Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, for six months' dividend on 50 shares of the stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co	250	
		for six months' interest to July 1st on $5,200 United States 5-20 Reg. Bonds and gold premium thereon	181 74	
				431
	30	Insurance on the furniture and library in the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall for one year from 20th inst		67
Sept.	2	paid the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, per Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer, for the Library of the Theological Seminary		4,400
	6	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary, for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst., viz:		
		Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D	750	
		John DeWitt, D.D	750	
		Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D	750	
		Joseph F. Berg, D.D	750	
				3,000
		Carried forward		$35,195

1870.				
		Brought forward		
Sept.	8	To Cash paid Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, per Gardner A. Sage, Treas., for repairs on said Hall	1,000	
	12	paid John Klinker, per Miller, Peet & Opdyke, eight thousand dollars, on account of a loan on bond and mortgage of $18,000	8,000	
	22	paid on account of portraits taken by Nicholas B. Kittell, as per agreement with donor to the Theological Seminary	200	
	22	paid the Home Insurance Co., for insurance on buildings connected with Hope College	18 50	
	23	paid Henriette Straus and Bernard Straus, her husband, per Miller, Peet & Opdyke, $3,800, for their assignment to General Synod of a bond and mortgage of Augustus Charles Severin	3,800	
	28	paid the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, per Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer, for interest on legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog	335 42	
	30	paid the Board of Domestic Missions, per John R. Smith, Treasurer, as follows, viz:		
		for interest to April 30, 1870, on $250, bequeathed by Jacob Van Benschoten, deceased	47 77	
		for one-third of bequest of Ann James, deceased, of $1,000, in aid of needy Ministers and Churches, $333.33, less United States Internal Revenue Tax $20	313 33	361 10
Oct.	4	paid the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, per Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer, four thousand dollars for repairs on said Hall	4,000	
	18	paid for portraits taken by Nicholas B. Kittell, as per agreement with donor, to the Theological Seminary	500	
	31	paid Hosford & Sons for 600 circulars for the Board of Direction	17 25	
	31	paid the Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, amount of bequest of Magdalene V. H. Slaght, for the benefit of indigent young men preparing for the ministry, $300, less United States Internal Revenue Tax of $18	282	
Nov.	2	paid John Klinker, per Miller, Peet & Opdyke, $10,000, being the balance of a loan on bond and mortgage of $18,000	10,000	
	16	paid the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, per Gardner A. Sage,		
		Carried forward		$63,710

1870.	Dr.		
	Brought forward		$63,710
Nov. 16	Treasurer, for the Library of the Theological Seminary	175	
18	for " " "	5,000	
	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog	300	
	for salary of the Janitor of Hertzog Hall for 1 year to Oct. 16th	100	
	for fuel for the same time	20	
			5,595
19	paid Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, for six months' interest to 1st inst., on amount of invested Scholarships	2,400	
	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on Hope College Endowment Fund	525	
			2,925
19	paid Annuitants from the Widows' Fund for the six months ending 1st inst.		730 25
28	paid insurance on the Library in the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall		45
30	paid Rev. John C. F. Hoes, D.D., for expenses as Corresponding Delegate		25
Dec. 6	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst., viz:		
	Rev. David D. Demarest D.D.	750	
	John De Witt, D.D.	750	
	Saml M. Woodbridge, D.D.	750	
	Joseph F. Berg, D D	750	
			3,000
22	paid Rev. John H. Pitcher, the proportion of the annual payments heretofore made by him to the Widows' Fund, to which he was entitled under the rules for the government of the fund, and now withdrawn		90
1871. Jan. 12	paid Rev. Goyn Talmage, traveling expenses to organize the Particular Synod of New Brunswick		8
Feb. 23	paid Mrs. Louisa W. Turner, per Miller, Peet & Opdyke, $3,000, amount of a loan on her bond and mortgage		3,000
March 1	paid David P. Carpenter, per Miller, Peet & Opdyke, $5,000 amount of a loan on his bond and mortgage		5,000
4	paid Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, for six months' dividend on fifty shares of the stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.	250	
	for six months' interest to Jan. 1, on $5,200 United States $5-20 Regd. Bonds and gold premium thereon	172 77	
			422 77
	Carried forward		$84,551 02

1871.	Dr.		
	Brought forward		$83,551 02
March 10	To Cash paid John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutger's College, for one year's interest to June 20th, 1870, on the Col. Henry Rutger's donation of $5,000		300
11	paid Rev. Martin L. Berger, the proportion of the annual payments heretofore made by him into the Widows' Fund, to which he was entitled under the rules for the government of the fund, and now withdrawn		45
13	paid for amount borrowed 1st inst	4,200	
	for interest on the same	10 61	4,210 61
April 14	paid the Home Ins. Co. for ins. on Hope College.		93 75
14	paid for insurance on professorial dwellings		67 50
20	paid the following professors in the Theological Seminary for one quarter's salary, due March 1st, viz:		
	Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.	750	
	John De Witt, D D.	750	
	Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D	750	
	Joseph F. Berg, D.D.	750	3,000
20	paid Rev. John B. Thompson, for traveling expenses as corresponding delegate		24
	paid Rev. James A. H. Cornell, D D., for salary and expenses for the year ending May 1st, 1871, five thousand dollars		5,000
29	paid as follows, viz.:		
	for amount of borrowed money	3712 44	
	for interest thereon	259 87	
	for amount borrowed Nov. 19, 1870	5720	
	for interest thereon	177 94	9,870 25
29	paid John I. Brower as follows, viz:		
	for one year's salary as Treasurer of General Synod	1000 00	
	for postage, stationery and discount on uncurrent funds	47 18	1,047 18
	This amount apportioned to the following Funds as per Resolution of *General Synod*, viz:		
	Permanent Professorial Fund	509 73	
	Education "	223 26	
	Widows' "	255 87	
	Permanent Contingent "	4 95	
	Hope College Endowment "	53 37	
		$1047 18	
			108,209 31
	To balance on hand carried to new account		9,077 82
			$117,287 13

1870.		Cr.		
April	30	By balance from last account...		$2,614 06
May	2	By Cash received from Samuel B. Schieffelin, in payment of his note dated September 23, 1869		1,000
	3	for interest on bond of $8,000.....		224
	7	for six months' interest to April 28th, on bond of $6,500.....		227 50
	7	from Abram Ditmas, Executor of the estate of Magdalene V. H. Slaght, amount bequeathed by her for the benefit of indigent young men preparing for the Ministry in the Theological Seminary, $300, less United States Internal Revenue Tax of $18		282
	10	from Henry Elsworth in payment of his note dated November 30, 1869		1,000
	14	from Rev. John S. Lott for the endowment of the Theological Seminary.		1,000
	16	for six months' interest to June 6th, on bond of $6,000		210
	25	from Rev. Thos. DeWitt, D.D., in payment of his note dated March 16, 1870.....		2,500
	28	from Mrs. Mary W. Board in part payment of her note dated April 26, 1870, for $3,000....		500
	28	from the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church as follows, viz:		
		six months' interest to April 29th, on bond of $15,000.....	450	
		to May 1st, on bond of $5000....	150	
		to May 19, on bond of $20,000..	600	
		twelve months' interest to May 1st, on subscription of $5000 to the Permanent Fund of General Synod.....	300	
				1,500
	28	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on United States 5-20 reg. bond of $10,000, and gold premium thereon.....		343 50
	28	for six months' interest to 1st inst. on United States 5-20 coupon bond of $100, and gold premium thereon..... ..		3 44
June	1	for six months' interest to this date on bond of $20,000.....		700
	1	received for six months' interest to May 11, 1860, on bond of $23,000		805
	3	for six months' interest to May 1st, on bond of $5,000		175
	4	for amount borrowed.....		3,000
	6	for six months' interest to this date on bond of $2,500....		87 50
	10	for six months' interest to 9th inst., on bond of $12,000..... ...		420
		Carried forward.....		$16,592

1870.		Cr.		
		Brought forward		$16,592
June	15	By Cash from the following persons, for furnishing rooms for students in the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, viz:		
		Mrs James Suydam	100	
		Miss Phoebe T. Magie	100	
		" Elizabeth F. Cornell	100	
		Theodore F. Cornell, M. D	100	
				400
	18	for six months' interest to 15th inst., on bond of $8,000		280
	23	for six months' interest to this date on bond of $5,000		175
		from the following persons, for one year's interest to May 1st, on their subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod, viz:		
		Samuel Smith, Esq	15	
		Geo. W. Jewett, Executor of Estate of Cornelius Duryee	15	
				30
July	6	for six months' interest to 5th inst., on bond of $2,000		70
	7	for six months' interest to 18th inst., on bond of $15,000		525
	26	for six months' interest to 24th inst., on bond of $5,000		175
	27	from H. H Farnam, Esq., in part payment of his note, dated January 23d, 1870, for $2,500.		500
	28	for six months' interest to this date on bond of $6,000		210
Aug.	5	from Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church as follows, viz:		
		six months' interest to this date on bond of 4,000	120	
		six months' interest on bond of $5000	150	
				270
	6	received from John P. Elwell, one of the Executors of the Estate of Maria R. Lefferts, deceased on account of the distributive share of the residue of said Estate, as Legatee under the will, as follows, viz:		
		for the "Maria R. Lefferts Fund" for the support and education of young men for the Gospel Ministry, $2,500, less United States Internal Revenue Tax $150	2,350	
		for Domestic Missions $250, less U. S. Internal Revenue Tax of $15	235	
		for Foreign Missions $250, less U. S. Internal Revenue Tax of $15	235	
				2,820
	9	from Gardner A. Sage, in payment of his note dated January 4th, 1870		2,500
		Carried forward		$24,547

1870.		Cr.		
		Brought forward		$24,547
Aug.	9	By Cash from Delaware & Hudson Canal Co., for six months' dividend on 50 shares of the stock of said Co		250
		for six months' interest to July 1st. on $4,500 U. S. bonds "1881," and gold premium thereon		164 02
	10	from George L. Stedman, one of the Executors of the Estate of Ann James, deceased, as follows, viz:		
		amount bequeathed by her for the support and education of pious indigent young men preparing for the Gospel ministry $2500, less the Internal Revenue Tax of $150, said bequest to bear the name of "The Ann James Fund"	2,350	
		amount of bequest for the aid of needy Ministers and Churches of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church $1000, less Internal Revenue Tax of $60	940	
				3,290
	29	for six months' interest on the following, viz:		
		on $23,200 U S. 5-20 bonds and premium thereon	809 10	
		on $2,000 U. S. 5-20 bonds and premium thereon	69 75	
		on $100 U. S. 5-20 bonds and premium thereon	3 49	
		on $5200 U. S. 5-20 bonds and premium thereon	181 74	
				1,064 08
	31	for six months' interest to 14th inst., on bond of $7,000		245
	31	received from Mrs. Mary W. Board on account of her note dated May 26th., 1870 of $10 000		8 50
Sept.	6	from L. K. Miller Esq., a part of expenses paid in the Laing will case and now refunded		268
	12	for six months' interest to this date on bond of $3,200		112
	12	for proceeds of the sale of 5-20 bond of $10,000 at 111¼		11,125
	22	for six months' interest to Oct. 1st., on two bonds amounting to $10,000		350
	22	from Daniel Mapes, for the Library of the Theological Seminary		2,500
Oct.	15	for six months' interest to 16th inst., on bond of $4,000		140
	15	for six months' interest to 6th inst., on bond of $7,000		245
	18	for six months' interest to September 15th, on bond of $500		17 50
		Carried forward		$44,326 10

1870.		Cr.		
		Brought forward		$44,326 10
Oct.	20	By Cash for six months' interest to 1st inst., on two bonds amounting to $16,000		560
	20	for six months' interest to 27th inst., on bond of $2 800		84
	20	for six months' interest to this date on bond of $7,000		245
	22	for six months' interest to this date, on two bonds amounting to $5,250		183 75
	24	for six months' interest to 21st inst., on bond of $5,000		175
	29	for proceeds of sale of $9,300 U. S. 5-20 bonds at $110¼		10,253 25
	31	for six months' interest to 28th inst., on $8000, amount of part of bond		280
Nov.	1	from David W. Wetmore for twelve months' interest to May 1st, on his subscription to the Permanent Fund of General Synod		30
	1	for six months' interest to this date on bond of $5,000		175
	1	from Rev. James A. H. Cornell, D.D., on account of his note dated May 25th, 1870, for $2,500		1,000
	2	for six months' interest to Oct. 30th, on bond of $6,000		210
	2	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of $8,000		280
	7	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on 5-20 bond of $100 and gold premium thereon		3 32
	10	received from Peter Ballantine, in payment of his note dated March 29, 1870		2,500
	16	from Mrs. Henrietta DuBois, for the Library of the Theological Seminary		175
	19	amount of cash borrowed, fifty seven hundred and twenty dollars		5,720
	22	from the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church as follows, viz:		
		for six months' interest to Oct. 29, on bond of $15,000	450	
		for six months' interest to November 1, on bond of $5,000	150	
		for six months' interest to November 19, on bond of $20,000	600	
				1,200
	23	for six months' interest to Oct. 28th, on bond of $6,500		227 50
	25	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of $5,000		175
Dec.	2	for balance of interest to 1st inst., on bond of $15,000		289 42
	3	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of $20,000		700
		Carried forward		$68,792 34

1870.		Cr.		
		Brought forward		$68,792 34
Dec.	6	By Cash for six months' interest to this date on bond of $6,000		210
	8	for six months' interest to 6th inst., on bond of $2,500		87 50
	10	for six months' interest to 9th inst., on bond of $12,000		420
	16	for six months' interest to 15th inst., on bond of $8,000		280
	19	for six months' interest to November 11, on bond of $23,000		805
	22	for six months' interest to 23d inst., on bond of $5,000		175
	23	for six months' interest to November 1, on bond $2,500		87 50
1871.				
Jan.	4	from Rev. James A. H Cornell, D.D., on account of his note dated May 25th, 1870, for $2,500		1,000
	6	for six months' interest to 5th inst., on bond of $2,000		70
	9	for six months' interest on the following, viz:		
		on $14,000 U. S. 5-20 bonds and premium thereon	465 15	
		on $2,000 U. S 5-20 bonds and premium thereon	66 45	
		on $5 200 U. S. 5-20 bonds and premium thereon	172 77	
		on $4,500 U. S. "1881" bonds and premium thereon	149 51	
				853 88
	16	for six month's interest to 18th inst., on bond of $15,000		525
	17	from Peter A. H. Jackson, in payment of his note dated March 28th, 1870		2,500
	30	for six months' interest to 24th inst., on bond of $5,000		175
Feb.	2	for six months' interest to January 28, on bond of $6,000		210
March	1	amount of cash borrowed forty-two hundred dollars		4,200
	2	from Delaware and Hudson Canal Co., for six months' dividend on 50 shares of the stock of said Co.		250
	8	received for proceeds of the sale of U. S. 5-20 bond of $5,000 at 111		5,550
	11	for six months' interest to February 14, on bond of $7,000		245
	11	for interest on account of bond of $18,000		280
	13	for six months' interest to 12th inst, on bond of $3 200		112
		Carried forward		$86,828 22

1871.		Cr.		
		Brought forward		$86,828 22
March	24	By Cash for interest from the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, as follows, viz:		
		six months' interest to February 5th, on bond of $4 000	120	
		six months' interest to February 5th on bond of $5,000	150	
				270
	30	for six months' interest to 23d inst. on bond of $3,800		133
April	3	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on two bonds amounting to $10,000		350
	5	from Rev. John Vanderveer, D.D., as follows, viz:		
		in payment of his note dated Sept. 21st, 1869, one thousand dollars	1,000	
		in payment of his note dated January 6th. 1870, for twenty-five hundred dollars	2,500	
				3,500
	8	for six months' interest to 6th inst. on bond of $7,000		245
	13	for six months' interest to 16th inst. on bond of $4,000		140
	13	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on two bonds amounting to $16,000		560
	13	from Hiram W. Masten, for the Library of the Theological Seminary		2,500
	18	from Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, amount of collection, for current expenses of General Synod		275 41
	19	for six months' interest to 21st inst on bond of $5,000		175
	20	for six months' interest to 27th inst. on bond of $2,800		84
	20	for six months' interest to this date on bond of $7,000		245
	20	for six months' interest to February 8th, 1871, on bond of $500		17 50
	21	for six months' interest to 22d instant on two bonds, amounting to $5 250		183 75
	25	for six months' interest to Dec. 8, 1870, on bond of $700		24 50
	26	from Rev. James A. H. Cornell, D.D., balance due on his note dated May 25th, 1870, for $2,500		500
	26	for interest on Sioux City and Pacific Railroad bond of $1,000, to January 1, 1871		57 75
	26	for one year's interest to 1st inst. on bond of $100, of the Township of Holland		7
		Carried forward		$96,096 13

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	Brought forward		$96,096 13
April 26	By Cash in payment of seven bonds of the Township of Holland of $100 each		700
28	received from James Anderson, M.D., balance due on his note dated Jan. 21st. 1870, of $1,000		500
28	from Classis of Rensselaer, for interest on arrears of assessment to increase the Permanent Fund of General Synod		37
28	from Garret G. Bergen for four years' interest to June 1st, 1871, on his bond of $250		60
29	from Rev Wm. J. R. Taylor, D.D., for one year's interest to June 1, 1870, on his note of $250		17 50
29	for proceeds of sale of $11,000 U. S. 5-20 bonds, at 112⅞		12,416 25
29	for proceeds of sale of U. S. 5-20 bond of $100 at 113¾		113 75
29	from the Reformed Church at Nyack, collection for current expenses of General Synod		18 82
29	from the Board of Publication as follows, viz:		
29	for one year's interest to Nov. 1, 1870, on note of $1,000	70	
	for one year's interest to Jan. 6, 1871, on note of $500	35	
			105
May	for note of John Reese, endorsed by Wm. Fuller for $1,000		1000
	received for Contingent expenses of General Synod during the year, from the following Classes, viz.:		
	Classis of Albany	$47 42	
	" Bergen	18 20	
	" Kingston	34	
	" Westchester	59	
	" New York	73 40	
	" Poughkeepsie	28 76	
	South Classis of New York	37	
	Classis of Raritan	49 25	
	" New Brunswick	34 64	
	" Passaic	26 55	
	" Ulster	32 20	
	" Orange	47 84	
	" Monmouth	30	
	" Schenectady	34 70	
	" Geneva	17 87	
	" Wisconsin	24 16	
	South Classis of Long Island	57 02	
	Classis of Geneva	31 95	
	" Rensselaer	31 91	
	" Montgomery	21 39	
	South Classis of New York	50 02	
	Classis of Michigan	9 71	
	Carried forward		$111,064 45

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May	Brought forward		$111,0
	Classis of Cayuga	26 30	
	" Grand River	16 74	
	" Albany	49 38	
	" Greene	20 27	
	" Schoharie	16 32	
	" Poughkeepsie	32 08	
	South Classis of Bergen	48 12	
	Classis of Paramus	50	
	" Philadelphia	47 05	
			1,1
	received from the Widows' Fund, during the year as follows, viz:		
	from the Reformed Church at Hillsborough	8 37	
	from Mount Vernon, N. Y.	5 88	
	" Bayonne, N. J.	6 44	
	" Gravesend N. Y.	8 94	
	" Geneva, N. Y.	11 36	
	" New Brooklyn, N. Y.	2	
	" Prospect Hill, N. Y.	12	
	Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church N. Y.	37 78	
	Reformed Church at Middleburgh, New York	4 75	
	Reformed Church, Stuyvesant	7 67	
	Rev. E. Nevius	5	
	Reformed Church at Sayville, L. I.	2	
	First Reformed Church, Brooklyn	140 53	
	Church of North and Southampton	4	
	Reformed Church, Astoria, L. I.	17 30	
	Rev. P. J. Quick	5	
	Reformed Church Lafayette, N. J.	12	
	" " Six Mile Run	20	
	Middle Church of Brooklyn	21 80	
	First Reformed Dutch Church Van Voorst, Jersey city	28 89	
	Reformed Church, Griggstown	7	
	First Reformed Church, Glenville	4 25	
	Reformed Church, East New York	17 50	
	Second Church, Coxsackie	6 26	
	Reformed Church, Harlem	26 98	
	" " Spring Lake, Ills.	2 75	
	" " Berea, Orange Co.	5	
	Anonymous, enclosed in letter dated Mapletown	3 31	
	Reformed Church, Rochester, Ulster Co.	3 15	
	" " Greenbush	22 34	
	Third Reformed Church, Raritan	12 02	
	Reformed Church, Chittenango	7 13	
	From a member of said Church	5 00	
	First Reformed Church at Newark	20	
	Carried forward		$112,1

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1871.	Brought forward		$112,167 70
May	Reformed Church Lafayette, N. J.	24 50	
	" " Kinderhook	14 17	
	Second Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa	5 65	
	Reformed Church Saugerties	6 97	
	First Reformed Church, Bayonne	3 91	
	" " " Rotterdam	12 50	
	Reformed Church, Addisville, Pa	3 71	
	" " and Sabbath School Manayunk	10	
	First Reformed Church, Paterson	35 63	
	Reformed Church, Northumberland	4	
	" " New Concord, N. Y.	8	
	" " Flatbush, Ulster Co.	5 30	
	" " Wyckoff	2 50	
	First Reformed Church, Hudson, N. Y.	25	
	Reformed Church, Lafayette, N. J.	12	
	" " Lawyersville, N. Y.	5	
	Rev. Peter J. Quick	5	
	Second Reformed Church, Newark	8 02	
	Reformed Church, Nyack	10 64	
	" " Long Branch	5	
	" " New Lots	20	
	German Evangelical Church, St. Peters, Brooklyn	3	
	Reformed Church, Addisville, Pa	4 55	
	" " Port Richmond, S. I.	20	
	" " Colt's Neck	5	
	North Reformed Church, Newark	98 25	
	North West Reformed Church, New York	19 41	
	South Reformed Church, Brooklyn	4 87	
	East " " Newark	8	
	Reformed Church, New Salem, N. Y.	2	
	" " Spring Valley	2 30	
	German Evangelical Mission Church, Houston Street, New York	10	
	Reformed Church, Flatlands, L. I.	12 37	
	" " East Greenbush	22 95	
	Second Reformed Church, Claverack	32 49	
	Mission Chapel of the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, corner 7th Avenue and 54th St.	9 40	
			986 49
	received for the Widows' Fund during the year, where $20 of each amount is to apply to the credit of Pastors, as follows, viz:		
	from the Ref. Church, Newtown, L. I., Rev. C. I. Shepard, pastor	25	
	from the Third Ref. Church, Jersey Cty, Rev J. H. Suydam, pastor	25 20	
	Carried forward		$113,154 19

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	Brought forward		$113,154 19
May	from the Ref Church, Syracuse, N. Y. Rev. Martin Luther Berger, pastor	25 53	
	First Ref. Church, Tarrytown, Rev. John K. Allen, pastor	28 52	
	from the Ref. Church, Oyster Bay, L. I. Rev. John H. Smock, pastor	30	
	First Ref. Church, Pella, Iowa, Rev. Egbert Winter, pastor	20	
	Reformed Church, New Utrecht, L. I. Rev. David S. Sutphen, pastor	20 01	
	First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, Rev. R. H. Steele, D.D., pastor	42 34	
	Ref. Church, Green Point, L. I, Rev. Alexander McKelvey, pastor	20	
	Ref. Church English Neighborhood, Rev. A. B. Taylor, pastor	21	
	Second Holland Ref. Church, Paterson, Rev. A. K. Kasse, pastor	20	
	Ref. Churches, Niskayuna and Lisha's Kill, Rev. J. A. DeBaun, pastor	25 86	
	Ref. Church Flatbush, L. I., Rev. Corns. L. Wells, pastor	26 70	
	Ref. Church on the Heights, Brooklyn, Rev. Zachary Eddy, D.D., pastor	20	
	Ref. Church 34th Street, New York, Rev. Isaac Riley, pastor	38	
	Ref. Church Branchville, N. J., Rev. Wm. Pitcher, pastor	20	
	from the Reformed Church at Yonkers, Rev. David Cole, D.D., pastor	22	
	Ref. Church New Paltz, Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., pastor	20	
	Reformed Church at Gallupville, Rev. Edwin Vedder, pastor	22	
	North Reformed Church, Brooklyn, Rev. Wm. T. Enyard, pastor	26 78	
	Ref. Church at Bedminster, Rev. Chas. H. Pool, pastor	45	
			543 94
	received for the Widows' Fund Income Account:		
	from the Bethel Church, Pella, Iowa	3	
	from the Second Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie	29 05	
	from the Reformed Church, Cleveland, Ohio	6 62	
			38 67
	Carried forward		$113,736 80

1871.	Cr.		
	Brought forward		$113,736 80
May,	received from the following clergymen, during the year for their annual payments to the Widows' Fund, viz :		
	Rev. William Demarest	20	
	James Huyssoon	20	
	James R Talmage	20	
	C. Becker	20	
	C. Spaulding	20	
	Wm. W. Holloway	20	
	G. M. S. Blauvelt	20	
	David D. Demarest, D.D.	20	
	George H. Peeke	20	
	John A. Lansing, D.D	20	
	Henry A. Raymond	20	
	A. H. Myers	20	
	Stephen Searle	20	
	Joseph Wilson	20	
	P. D. Van Cleef, D.D.	20	
	B. C. Lippincott	20	
	George H. Peeke	20	
	Wm G E See	20	
	Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.	20	
	James Huysson	20	
	John H. Duryea	20	
	John Gardner	20	
	John H. Bevier	20	
	Wm. B. Gilmore (two payments)	40	
	H. W. F. Jones	20	
	C. Spaulding	20	
	C. Becker	20	
	James R. Talmage	20	
	John L. See, D D	20	
	Isaac S. Demund	20	
	Elbert N. Sebring	20	
			640
	received for the Disabled Ministers' Fund, during the year, as follows, viz:		
	from the Reformed Church at English Neighborhood	20 20	
	from Mount Vernon	5 88	
	" Syracuse	13 95	
	" "	16 30	
	" Geneva	11 36	
	" Gravesend	8 94	
	" Dashville Falls	4 05	
	First Church, Newtown, L. I.	31 08	
	Reformed Church, Port Jervis	20	
	Saint Paul's R. Dutch Church, New York	34 11	
	Reformed Church, Prospect Hill, New York	12	
	Carried forward		$114,376 80

	Brought forward		$114,376 80
May,	Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, New York	37 79	
	Reformed Church, Middleburgh, N.Y.	4 75	
	First Reformed Church, Glenville	6 85	
	Reformed Church, Holmdel	20 50	
	First Reformed Church, Brooklyn	140 53	
	Reformed Church, Astoria, L.I.	25	
	First Reformed Church, New Brunswick	100	
	Rev. P. J. Quick	5	
	Reformed Church, Stuyvesant	16 34	
	First Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa	13 75	
	Reformed Church, Lafayette, N. J.	25	
	" Sayville, L. I.	2 25	
	" Gilboa, N. Y.	4 25	
	" Greenpoint, L. I.	19 40	
	Middle Church, Brooklyn	21 81	
	Reformed Church, Ithaca	17 15	
	" Rhinebeck	24 74	
	" East New York	17 50	
	" North and Southampton	5 25	
	from the Reformed Prot. Dutch Church, Harlem	26 98	
	Reformed Church, Berea, Orange Co.	5	
	" Greenbush	23 97	
	Third Reformed Church, Raritan	12 02	
	Reformed Church, Fairview, Ills.	9 18	
	" Flatbush, L. I.	26 70	
	Second Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie	29 05	
	Mrs. Francis T. Luqueer	30	
	Third Reformed Church, Albany	30	
	Mission Chapel of the Collegiate Reformed Church, corner of Seventh Avenue and Fifty-fourth Street	9 64	
	Reformed Church Kinderhook	14 17	
	Second Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa	8 45	
	Reformed Church on the Heights, Brooklyn	20	
	Reformed Church Saugerties	6 98	
	" Cleveland, Ohio	6 62	
	" 34th Street, New York	20 44	
	" New Salem, N. Y.	4 75	
	" Addisville, Pa.	3 72	
	" and Sabbath School, Manayunk	10	
	First Reformed Church, Paterson	35 93	
	Reformed Church of Northumberland, N. Y.	8 10	
	Reformed Church, New Concord	9 47	
	" Germantown, N. Y.	7	
	" Griggstown	5	
	" Pompton	34	
	Carried forward		$114,376 80

1871.	Cr.		
	Brought forward		$114,376 80
May	Reformed Church, Wyckoff	2 50	
	" " Bergen Point	35	
	First Reformed Church, Hudson, N. Y.	25	
	Reformed Church, Lawyersville, N. Y.	5	
	Rev. Peter J. Quick	5	
	Second Reformed Church Newark	8 03	
	Reformed Church, New Paltz	7 74	
	Reformed Church, Gallupville	2	
	" " Nyack	9 04	
	" " Long Branch	5	
	" " Spring Valley, N. Y.	14 97	
	German Evangelical St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn E. D	3 30	
	Reformed Church Addisville	4 56	
	" " Port Richmond	20	
	" " Colt's Neck	5	
	" " Lafayette	16	
	South Ref. Church, Brooklyn	4 87	
	North West Reformed Church, New York	19 42	
	German Evangelical Mission Church, Houston St. New York	10	
	Reformed Church East Greenbush	24 71	
	" " Lafayette	10	
	" " Yonkers	6 06	
	Second Reformed Church, Claverack	23 25	
			1,349 35
	received on account of the Assessment of $20,000 made by General Synod in June, 1864, for the purpose of increasing the Permanent Fund of Synod viz:		
	from Classis of Montgomery	67 30	
	" " Schenectady	16 18	
	" South " New York	60	
	" " Rensselaer	148	
			291 48
	received for the Endowment Fund of Hope College, as follows viz:		
	from First Reformed Church Claverack	18	
	Classis of Raritan, from First Church at Raritan	100	
	Miss Mary Few, to constitute a scholarship, to be called "The William Few Scholarship."	1000	
	Classis of Raritan, Church at High Bridge	1	
	Church at Clinton Station	11 50	
	Miss Maria Oothout	100	
	Rev. Wm. H. Ballagh	20	
	Carried forward		$116,017 63

1871.	Cr.		
	Brought forward		$116,017 63
May	Rev. James E. Bernart,	15	
	Mrs. Van Olinda, Holland	4	
			1,269 50
	Total		117,287 13
1	By balance on hand brought forward		$9,077 82

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1871.

The subscribers, a committee appointed to examine the accounts of John I. Brower, Treasurer, have examined the same, with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance on hand of nine thousand and seventy-seven dollars and eighty-two cents.

M. S. HUTTON,
P. R. WARNER, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, June 3d, 1871.

Annual Digest.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows:

FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by Jno. C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, amounted on April 1st, 1871, to	$20,313	57
Of which there is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages upon property in the State of New Jersey, to the amount of	18,650	
Balance on hand uninvested	1,663	57
There has been paid to students, out of the income of this Fund, during the year	1,608	50
Cash on hand April 1st, 1871	156	50

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

The amount of this Fund, which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages in the State of New Jersey, is	$2,000	
There has been paid to a student, out of the income of this Fund, during the year	75	
Balance on hand, April 1st, 1871	452	36

EDUCATION FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, &c.	$81,400	
Balance of principal, April 30th, 1871	37	16
Balance of interest received to April 30th	2 840	53

PERMANENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund, in which is included the donation of Colonel Henry Rutgers, deceased, for the benefit of Rutgers College, invested on bonds secured by mortgages, &c.	$160,050	
Residences of Professors on Seminary grounds	9,767	85
Balance of Fund not invested	28,048	67
	$197,866	52
House and lot corner George street and Seminary avenue, N. B.	18,000	
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at	180	
Amount of subscriptions to the Permanent Fund, upon which interest is received	6,400	
Notes received towards the endowment of the Theological Seminary, and for Library	32,300	

WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, &c.	$32,700	
Balance of principal to April 30th, 1871		32
There has been paid to annuitants, out of the income of this Fund during the year	1,766	25
Balance on hand April 30th, 1871	1,087	64

PERMANENT CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund, April 30th, 1871	$1,805	21
Of which is invested	1,800	

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

There has been invested for this Board, on bond secured by mortgage	$250	
Balance of interest to April 30th, 1871	16	90

HOPE COLLEGE.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds, secured by mortgages, &c., for the endowment of this College	$21,200	
Balance of Fund not yet invested	70	89
Balance of interest on hand April 30, 1871	553	72

Balance of this Fund on April 30, 1871, of which is a note for.....	$1,000
Balance on hand on 30th April, 1871.....	2,091 7[illegible]
There has been paid from this Fund during the year..	1,600

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL FUND.

This Fund consists of fifty shares of the capital stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, and United States 5-20 Registered Bonds to the amount of.....	$5,200
There has been received for dividends on stock, and for interest, and paid to the Board of Education, during the year ending April 30th, 1871.....	854 5[illegible]

LEGACY OF MRS. ANN HERTZOG.

This Legacy, the interest of which is to be applied for repairs to Hertzog Hall, is invested upon Bonds secured by mortgages, &c,.....	$10,000

THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY.

There has been received for securing a Library	$27,500
And notes in addition to the amount of.....	20,000
And there has been expended for books.....	15,000

GYMNASIUM AND ACADEMIC BUILDING.

There has been received from James Suydam, Esq., fifty bonds of $1,000 each of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, for the erection of a building upon the Seminary grounds, amounting to.....	$50,000

Government Securities	4,500
Railroad Bond	1,000
Three Township Bonds	2,250
Bond of Holland Township, Michigan	100
Residences of Professors, amount advanced	9,767 85
Cash in Bank	9,077 82
Advances for salaries, contingent expenses, and for repairs of Hertzog Hall	33,762 44
	$365,508 11

Certificate of fifty shares of the Capital Stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company and $5,200 United States 5-20 Registered Bonds belonging to the Parochial School Fund. Also Fifty Bonds of $1,000 each, of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, for the erection of a building.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

Balance from last year	$25 79
Received for Minutes	870 30
	896 09
Paid for Minutes, postage, &c.	656 10
Balance on hand	$239 99

P. R. WARNER, *President*

M. S. HUTTON,
JOHN VAN NEST,
JAMES SUYDAM, } *Directors.*

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, June 3, 1871.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

OF THE

General Synod of the Reformed Church

IN AMERICA.

1870.		Dr.		
May	1	To balance from last account, being advances for salaries, Contingent Expenses, and repairs on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall		$20,974 13
	14	paid Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, for repairs	500	
June	7	Professors in Theological Seminary for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst.	3,125	
	9	Insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall	193 25	
	10	Delegates' expenses in attending the meeting of General Synod	336	
	13	Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D D. for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents and expenses	30 20	
		and for one year's salary as Permanent Clerk of General Synod	50	
	17	Hosford & Sons for printing 500 Pastoral Letters	30 10	
	17	Rev. D. D. Demarest, D.D. for one year's salary, as Stated Clerk of Gen. Synod	150	
		and for expenses attending the meeting of Synod	69 77	
July	2	Insurance on Professorial Dwellings	90	
	28	Corporate Seal, for the "General Synod of the Reformed Church in America"	8	
		two Blank Books	12 75	
Aug.	9	Committee on Hertzog Hall for repairs.	600	
	18	Interest on $3,000, borrowed money	43 15	
	30	Insurance on furniture and library in Hertzog Hall	67 50	
Sept.	6	Professors in the Theological Seminary, one quarter's salary	3000	
	8	Committee on Peter Hertzog Theo. Hall, for repairs	1000	
		Carried forward		$20,974 13

1870.	Dr.		
	Brought forward		$20,974 13
Sept. 28	Interest on legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog	335 42	
Oct. 4	for repairs on P. H. Theo. Hall	4000	
Nov. 18	Interest on Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog.	300	
	Salary of Janitor of Hertzog Hall 1 year	100	
18	Fuel for same time	20	
	Hosford & Sons for printing 600 circulars	17 25	
28	Insurance on Library in Hertzog Hall	45	
Dec. 6	Professors in the Theological Seminary. one quarter's salary	3000	
1871.			
Jan. 12	Rev. Goyn Talmage, traveling expenses to organize the Particular Synod of New Brunswick	8	
April 13	Insurance on Professorial Dwellings	67 50	
20	Professors in Theological Seminary one quarter's salary	3000	
	Interest on $4,200, borrowed money	10 61	
20	Rev James A. H. Cornell, D.D., for services rendered and expenses incurred as financial agent for one year ending May 1st, 1871	5000	
29	Interest on $3,712 44. borrowed money	259 87	
29	Interest on $5,720, borrowed money	177 94	
29	Traveling Expenses of Corresponding Delegates	175 72	
29	John I. Brower, apportionment of Salary as Treasurer	509 73	
			26,332 66
	Total		$47,306 79
May 1	**Cr.**		
	By Cash received from Classes during the year		1,103 25
	Interest on Bonds and Mortgages	9160 71	
	" " United States Bonds, &c.	2569 26	
	" " Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog	711 13	12,441 10
	Total		$13,544 35
	By Balance carried forward		33,762 44
	Total		$47,306 79
	To Balance brought forward, being advances for salaries, Contingent Expenses, and Repairs of the Hertzog Hall		$33,762 44

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1871.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

MAY 1st, 1871.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

In accordance with resolution of the General Synod, I forward an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised to meet deficiency in revenues of Synod for the year commencing May 1st, 1871.

EXPENSES RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.		
Salaries of the Professors	$12000	
" " Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents	25	
Janitor of the Hertzog Theological Hall and fuel	120	
Rev. James A. H. Cornell, D.D., and expenses	5000	
Treasurer of General Synod, apportionment	520	
Insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall	200	
on Furniture and Library in said Hall	125	
" Professorial Dwellings	175	
Repairs on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall and Professorial Dwellings	500	
Sundries	250	
		$ 18,915
Estimated interest to meet the same		11,400
Estimated deficiency		$ 7,515
OTHER EXPENSES.		
Traveling Expenses of Delegates	$ 372	
" " Corresponding Delegates	185	
Salary and Traveling Expenses of Stated Clerk	178	
Salary of Permanent Clerk	50	
Expenses at Meeting of the Synod	75	
Sundries	200	
		$ 1,060
Estimate to meet the same by assessment on the Classes.		

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

New York, May 1st, 1871.

ferred to the several appropriate Committees.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, the Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On counting the ballots it appearead that the following were chosen: Mr. Peter R. Warner, *President;* Rev. M. S. Hutton, Mr. John Van Nest, Mr. James Suydam, *Directors*, and Mr. John I. Brower, *Treasurer.*

The Committee on the Board of Direction presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Board of Direction respectfully report on the following papers referred to them, viz:

The annual report of the Board of Direction, with the documents connected therewith; Annual Digest; Treasurer's Annual Account; List of Securities belonging to General Synod; Education Fund Account; Education Fund Income Account; Widows' Fund Income Account; Hope College Endowment Fund Account; Disabled Ministers' Fund Account; List of Endowed Scholarships; Expense Account; Estimate of Expenses, and the Van Benschoten and Knox Fund accounts, all of which were duly audited.

Report of the Board of Direction.—The Board acknowledge the receipt by bequest during the past year the sum of $5,000 for the Board of Education.

The amount received on account of the assessment of $20,000 made by General Synod in June, 1864, for the purpose of increasing the Permanent Fund, is $17,347 97. The balance still due is $2,495 53. The amount paid during the past year on this assessment is $447 98. In relation thereto, your Committee recommend the passage of the following report:

Resolved, That the Classes who have failed to pay the assessment made in 1864, for raising $20,000 for the further endowment of the Professoral Fund, be requested to take immediate measures for the payment of their respective quotas.

The Board of Direction also report that $1,000 has been received from the executors of Ann James, for the aid of needy ministers and churches.

Hope College Endowment Fund.—There has been received from this fund during the year, from Churches and individuals, the sum of $1,923 96, which makes the total amount of said fund $21,270 89.

Hope College Income Account.—There are in the hands of the Treasurer belonging to this account $553 72.

Widows' Fund—amounts to $32,700 32. There has been paid to annuitants out of the income of this fund during the year $1,766 25.

Disabled Ministers' Fund.—This fund amounts to $3,691 72. There has been paid from this fund to annuitants during the year the sum of $1,600.

The Endowed Scholarships in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick amount to $81,437 16.

Securities belonging to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America in the hands of the Treasurer, May 1st, 1871, amounted to $312,900.

The full amount of assets in the hands of the Treasurer is $365,508 11.

Treasurer's Annual Account.—The balance on hand May 1st, 1871, amounted to $9,077 82.

The Expense Account of General Synod, your Committee regret to say, is far in advance of the income derived from the Permanent Fund—the income having been during the last year only $13,544 35, while the amount expended during the same period for advances to salaries of Professors, contingent expenses, repairs to Hertzog Hall, and interest on borrowed money, is $26,332 66. This deficiency, together with the balance against the Treasury of $20,974 13, on May 1st, 1870, makes the present indebtedness of General Synod $33,762 44. It will be thus seen that the annual income from the Permanent Fund of General Synod is about half what it should be in order to meet the growing but necessary expenses. Your Committee would be sad indeed to make this discouraging financial exhibit could they not give hopeful assurance that the indefatigable efforts of Rev. J. A. H. Cornell will be crowned with abundant success in obtaining funds from personal sources, so as to endow the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick as to make it in time one of the best and noblest institutions of Christian Education in the

land. It may be a question in the minds of some why this constantly growing debt of General Synod, when during the past year, $118,000 have been added to its funds? We explain by saying that a large portion of this amount has been given for specific purposes, to erect two additional buildings on the Theological Seminary grounds at New Brunswick and the endowment of a Theological Library. In connection herewith, your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America be extended to James Suydam, Esq., for his munificent gift of $50,000 for the erection of a building, which your Committee recommend shall be called "The James Suydam Hall," and to Gardner H. Sage, Esq., for his promised liberality for the erection of a building, which your Committee recommend shall be called "The Gardner A. Sage Library."

Resolved, That Rev. J. A. H. Cornell be requested to continue his labors as agent for the Board of Direction and Standing Committee on Peter Hertzog Hall during the present financial year.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Peter Hertzog Hall be authorized to use such sites on the grounds of the Theological Seminary as may be deemed desirable for the erection of any new buildings for the use of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

The estimated amount of the Treasurer of General Synod necessary to be raised, to meet deficiency in resources for the year commencing May 1st, 1871, is for all purposes $8,575; of this amount $5,000 will be required for *expenses* toward increasing the endowment of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, leaving a balance when this amount is deducted of $3,575, which the Churches must raise during the year, in order to sustain the credit of Synod, through the regularly organized machinery of the Church, leaving the sum of $5,000 above mentioned to be provided for in some other way, which we hope may be devised.

In connection herewith, your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of General Synod be directed to assess for contingent expenses and deficiency of income, on the Classes of the Church, the sum of $4,000, to be divided among them in the regularly constituted way.

The salary of each Professor in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick for the past two years has been $3,000 per year. Upon this subject your Committee present the following resolution:

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered by General Synod, the salary of each of the Professors in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick be and is hereby constituted for each and every year $3,000.

It will be readily seen by the members of General Synod, as the funds are augmented from year to year, the importance of having a Board of Direction, composed of men of stern integrity and superior business attainments, and also to have the tenure of office so extended that experience and stability may be joined in the work. It is the plan of your Committee, in order to accomplish this end, to have the Board as now composed of five members, to have the term of office extended to five years, so that one member *only* shall go out each year, and thereby prevent the possible contingency of electing at any one time a Board composed of entirely new and untried men.

Resolved, That at this meeting of General Synod, five members of the Board of Direction shall be elected, to hold their offices respectively—one for one year; one for two years; one for three years; one for four years, and one for five years; and at each annual meeting of General Synod hereafter, only one member shall be elected for the term of five years, unless for any cause during the year a vacancy or vacancies shall occur in said Board, then an election shall also take place to fill any unexpired term or terms caused by such vacancy or vacancies.

Resolved, That the members of the Board elected at this meeting of General Synod, shall be authorized to adopt any plan they may deem best, in order to classify themselves, according to the spirit and letter of the foregoing resolution, so as to carry out the plan of succession herein expressed.

Whereas, Edward S. Brayton and wife have conveyed by deed to the Protestant Reformed Church of Utica certain premises therein described; and whereas, there is a provision in said deed, that in case the church erected on said premises shall in any event be used or occupied by any other Society or Church not in connection with the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch

Church, then it shall become the property in fee-simple of the General Synod of said Church and their successors; and whereas, said grantee in said indenture named has since erected on said premises a new church edifice, costing a large sum, and has nearly paid for the same, and is now desirous of borrowing a sum not to exceed $8,000, by way of a mortgage on said property, to pay the debt now remaining unpaid in the erection of said church;

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Board of Direction be instructed to do each and every act, so as to enable said Church of Utica to obtain the relief asked for from General Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. FERDON,
DANIEL S. JONES,
S. B. SCHIEFFELIN,
ROBERT H. PRUYN,
ROBERT B. SHEPARD.

Committee.

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Reports were received from Rev. B. C. Taylor, Corresponding Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; from Rev. John A. Todd, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, (South) from Rev. S. W. Mills, delegate to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America; from Rev. I. S. Hartley, delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America; from Rev. J. C. F. Hoes, delegate to the Synod of the Reformed Church (Eastern) in the United States; from Rev. Goyn Talmage, delegate to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. John H. Bryson appeared in Synod, and having presented his credentials, took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, (South).

his credentials, took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the Synod of Ohio of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Rev. Alfred Nevin, D.D., appeared in Synod, and having presented his credentials, took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

A letter was received from Rev. Theodore Appel, Delegate from the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States (Eastern) expressing his regret on account of his inability to attend this Synod.

The testimonials of the above Corresponding Delegates were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Correspondence would respectfully report:

That the Report of Rev. John A. Todd, Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, has been referred to your Committee. From this document we learn, that the overtures of this Synod towards the establishment of a correspondence with that body have been most cordially received. Our Delegate received a hearty welcome, and the warmest expressions of affection and regard for our Church were conveyed to him by the venerable Dr. Plummer, the Moderator, in behalf of the Assembly. These declarations were in harmony with every utterance from members of the Assembly with whom our delegate had intercourse.

The Assembly showed its practical sympathy with our warm desire for this correspondence by the appointment of a Delegate to convey to us their fraternal salutations. Rev. John H. Bryson has presented his credentials and the Committee have great pleasure and satisfaction in introducing him to the General Synod as the Delegate of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Committee have received reports from Rev. B. C. Taylor, Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. S. W. Mills, Delegate to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, Rev. John C. F. Hoes, Delegate to

the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States (Eastern), and Rev. I. S. Hartley, Delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Rev. Goyn Talmage from the Evangelical Lutheran Church, also the credentials of the Delegates from corresponding bodies, who have appeared before the Synod: likewise a letter from Rev. Theodore Appel, Delegate to this Synod from the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States (Eastern), stating his inability to attend, exhibiting the blessing of God on the Synod he was appointed to represent, and warmly expressing his interest in our Church and her work. None of these papers call for any action of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

PH. PELTZ, *Chairman.*

The following were appointed a Committee to consider the question of a Union of the Synod of Ohio, the North Western Synod, and of the Classis of North Carolina of the Reformed Church in the United States, with the Reformed Church in America.

Rev. Philip Peltz, J. McC. Holmes, H. E. Decker. *Elders*, S. B. Schieffelin, and S. R. W. Heath.

The Committee presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of forming closer relations with certain Reformed Churches in different portions of our land, respectfully report:

That the subject so urgently brought to the attention of the Synod, by the Corresponding Delegate of the Synod of Ohio of the Reformed Church in the United States, commends itself to us as important and timely.

Christian union, based on common acceptance of the truth of God, in the extent needed for church fellowship is ever delightful, and to obtain it is our imperative duty.

The early history of the Reformed Churches in this country among those descended from the great German nation, inclines us in the same direction. As those Churches furnished a missionary field for the Churches of Holland, having been established and provided with the ministrations of the Gospel by the Classis of Amsterdam; so now when the extended branches of those Churches

call to us to furnish them with men and means to occupy more fully the portions of the country in which God has placed them, we ask at once if this call does not come from on high.

The following action is recommended.

Whereas, The Corresponding Delegate from the Synod of Ohio of the Reformed Church in the United States has urgently presented the importance and value of "organic union" between the Reformed Church in America and that Synod, therefore:

Resolved, That this Synod is ever ready to receive to itself all those Churches which embrace the blessed faith of the reformation as expressed in our standards.

Resolved, That Rev. Philip Peltz be appointed, in connection with our delegate to the Synod of Ohio, to visit that Synod at its next annual session, to state the aspects of the subject of union which strike this Synod, and receive any commnnication which our brethren may choose to present to us.

Resolved, That our hearts likewise turn warmly towards our brethren of the Reformed faith in the Classis of North Carolina, that we rejoice that the difficulty which prevented our following the desire of our hearts when their proposals were made to us in 1855, have been removed.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, Rev. H. D. Ganse, and Elder S. B. Schieffelin be a Committee to present the subject of union to our brethren in the Classis of North Carolina, by corresponding with them or visiting them.

Respectfully submitted,

PH. PELTZ, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of nominations, the Synod proceeded to ballot for delegates to the bodies with which the Synod is in correspondence.

Rev. P. D. Van Cleef was elected Delegate primarius to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr., secundus.

Rev. A. B. Van Zandt was elected Delegate primarius to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South), and Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, secundus.

Rev. R. W. Clark was elected Delegate primarius to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and Rev. C. N. Waldron, secundus.

Rev. E. P. Livingston was elected Delegate primarius to the Synod of Ohio of the Reformed Church in the United States, and Rev. N. D. Williamson, secundus.

Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck was elected Delegate primarius to the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States (Eastern), and Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, secundus.

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORT.

The Committee on the State of Religion presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

In order to present an accurate and full report of the State of Religion within the bounds of our denomination, your Committee need a thorough acquaintance with the spiritual condition of the members of each individual Church, and a knowledge of the agencies and forms of Christian labor, which have received a special Divine blessing during the past year. All they can give, is gathered from the statements and statistics laid before them, which reveal a healthy and prosperous condition of the Churches; the general prevalence of the spirit of harmony, and an increased vigor and zeal on the part of several pastors, officers and members in the work of the Lord. While many Churches have been steadily growing in strength and influence, others have been blessed with powerful revivals of religion, and from Sabbath schools, and the sanctuary songs of praise have ascended to God for the marked manifestations of His loving kindness. Among these we would refer to the Churches in Berne and Brooklyn.

Since the last Annual Report, three Churches have been added to the denomination, and one has united with the Presbyterians. We record with gratitude the hopeful conversion of three thousand eight hundred and sixty-three souls. The total increase in the number of our communicants is over two thousand, and in our collections for benevolent objects, about nineteen thousand dollars. The receipts for congregational purposes are about the same as the previous year.

From other ecclesiastical bodies we have received thirteen ministers and dismissed to them nine.

In some branches of our Church, a new missionary spirit has been awakened by the consecration of devoted Christians to the work of carrying the Gospel to heathen nations, and by the signal blessings that have attended the faithful labors of several of our Missionaries. Your Committee cannot too strongly urge the necessity of cultivating the spirit of self consecration, and an enthusiastic ardor in the sacred cause of the world's conversion among all classes, and especially among the young, who are about to step upon the stage of action, at a period full of encouragement, and of thrilling interest to the aspirant for Christian usefulness for the honor which God will bestow upon his faithful servants.

In the intercourse between the pastor and the Christian young men of his flock: in families and Sabbath-schools, your Committee would recommend judicious and earnest efforts to secure suitable candidates for the Gospel Ministry and at the same time, the cultivation of a public sentiment, and spirit of liberality, that will afford to them the encouragement of an ample pecuniary support, and the cordial co-operation of those to whom they may be called to minister.

To increase the efficiency and usefulness of individual Churches, it is indispensable that the elders and deacons realize the solemn vows they have made before God: the weighty responsibilities they have assumed, and the Christian work to which they have been ordained. Equally with the ministers of the word have they been set apart for specified duties, upon the performance of which the fullest vigor and highest prosperity of the Church depends. In connection with official faithfulness and the stated means of grace, the establishment of young people's prayer meetings and pastoral aid societies, have been attended with the most gratifying results.

Those Churches too have been most blessed that have been most liberal in their gifts to God, and we should rejoice to see plans for systematic beneficence adopted in all our Churches, not only that the treasury of the Lord may be full, but that all may reap the sure benefits of a noble generosity.

By all the means which it is possible for the earnest pastor to employ, we would press the duty of the fullest development of the lay element of our Churches.

The interests of our denomination, the claims of Christ's kingdom and the spiritual wants of masses of men, who are living without hope and without God in the world, call loudly for this.

In accordance with the action of the Trustees of Rutgers College, on the 7th of February, 1871, the Synod would recommend that the last Thursday of January be observed as a day of prayer for Colleges and other educational institutions.

The system of Conventions inaugurated by the Synod a few years since, has met with special favor among our people, and received the divine blessing. We trust that each Classis will appoint one or more the coming year, as a means of spiritual quickening, promoting fraternal unity, and enlarging the boundaries of our Zion.

During the past year the following faithful servants of God have been called to rest from their earthly labors, and enter upon their heavenly reward: Rev. J. R. Van Arsdale, of the Classis of Geneva; Rev. John G. Johnson, of the Classis of Hudson; Rev. John Manley, of the Classis of New Brunswick.

The attention of pastors is called to a standing resolution of the Synod, that the Report on the State of religion be read in the churches.

RUFUS W. CLARK, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
First Albany	R. W. Clark	290	31	13	15	..	13	762	18	8	400	400	900	$21,437 80	$16,590	Albany, N. Y.
Second Albany	J. Elmendorf	145	13	3	8	..		258	20	3	25	506	216	7,152 27	8,500	Albany.
Third Albany	Vacant	112	16	16	9	..	3	199	11	3	200	150	265	314 80	3,200	Albany.
Fourth Albany	J. F. Neef	65	21	..	17	2	.	141	19	..	25	50	110	90 82	1,825 18	Albany.
Holland, Albany	Vacant	81	5	2	..	..	1	76	.	..	..	....	....	25	156 33	Albany.
Second Berne	Wm. H. Ballagh	80	44	1	4	..		140	3	20	25	30	50	68	840	Knox, Albany Co.
First Bethlehem	H. M. Voorhees	152	7	2	5	.	5	283	10	3	..	120	186	640 45	2,694 86	Bethlehem Cent.
Second Bethlehem	J. Lansing Pearse	90	1	4	2	..	1	180	4	..		150	75	420 21	1,817 50	Adam's Station.
Clarksville	Vacant	40	..	..		..	1	52	1	..	40	27	45	.....	...	Clarksville.
Coeymans	Elias Mead	105	21	6	4	..	..	121	9	11	35	50	....	154 70	1,356 23	Coeymans.
Jerusalem	A. C. Millspaugh	80	1	1	1		2	94	10	..	30	20	45	95	950	Jerusalem.
Knox	Wm. H. Ballagh	29	9	2	1	..	2	51	3	3	15	19	25	141	468	Knox, Albany Co.
New Baltimore	J. L. Zabriskie	81	16	4	..	..	4	129	1	6	109	109	100	264 52	1,870 22	New Baltimore.
New Salem	J. H. Kerskow	85	6	3	9	..	3	172	9	1	10	150	85	58 70	1,058 95	New Salem.
Onisquethaw	A. C. Millspaugh	50	..	..	..	..	1	87	2	..	25	5	40	20 37	489	Jerusalem.
Union	Vacant	48	..	..	..	.	..	42	..	..		....	....	.....	.....	Union Church.
Westerlo	F. M. Bogardus	50	4	2	.	..	3	75	1	2	20	30	50	74	800	Westerlo.
	Total	1583	195	59	75	2	39	2862	121	60	959	1816	2192	$30,957 14	$42,611 27	

Ministers without Charge.—J. Van Vechten, Auburn, N. Y.; S. Van Santvoord, New Baltimore; H. Slauson, Whitehall, N. Y.; A. Dickson, Lansingburgh; J. P. Pepper, Brooklyn; L. H. Bahler, Coeymans; R. G. Strong, Flatbush, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADD
Arcot	John Scudder.	8	11	8	3	1	1	59	5	18	27	....	74	R. A. P.	R. A. P.	Arcot, Madras Preside
Five Out Stations.		32														" "
Arnee	John Scudder in charge.	48									70		35	743 0 0		" "
Five Out Stations.		0	4	2	42	2		56	7	4		....	12	11 15 0		" "
Vellambi	"	37											60	20 9 6		" "
Alliandal	"	10	5					31	3	8	6		15	9 13 2		" "
Modayur	"	27	10	4	6	1		26	10	6	13		20	5 12 6		" "
Martambadi	"	9		2	2			15	1		2			6 7 4		" "
Orattur with four Out Stations.	"	1	15	3	1			17					8	5 4 6		" "
Chittoor	J. W. Scudder	49	9	32				41	4	10	28		29	39 10 8		" "
Bommai Sumudram		35	7	5	1			70	10	7	7		93	528 6 6	73 10 3	Chittoor, "
Konaypalli	"	8									4		14	2 14 9		" "
Kottapalli	"	0									5		6			" "
Timsanpalli	"	35									62		49			" "
Coonoor	Zachariah John	45	4	8	8	1		71	5	5	6		18	147 12 8		Coonoor Neilgherries,
Kotergherry, Out Station	"	7												6 0 9		" "
Gnanodayam	Andrew Sawyer	17	1	6	6			57	4	3	2		23	7 8 10		Granodiam, "
Arunadu, Out Station	"	7														" "
Sittambadi	"	10	3	6	6	3	1	34	1	1	2		13	2 4 4		" "
Paraiyantangal	"	5											7			" "
Sirutalapundi	"	7											7			" "

(Out stations of Chittoor)

CLASSIS OF ARCOT—*Continued.*

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes R. A. P.	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Mudnapilly	J. Chamberlain	21	1	1	...	1	...	16	5	...	11	....	15	319 6 8	.....	Mudnapilly "
Palamanair	"	14	..	2	8	2	.	14	2	..	9	...	12	14 14 8	.....	" "
Arunodaya Out Station																
Vellore	W. W. Scudder	81	15	9	..	...	2	79	10	4	40	...	104	660 1 0	.....	Vellore, "
Kattupadi	"	12	7	1	2	...	...	21	5	7	12	....	84	15 9 1	.....	" "
Kundipatoor	"	11	1	2	...	...	1	20	1	...	15	..	15	12 1 2	.....	" "
Sekedu	"	16	18	...	...	..	...	33	9	18	13	....	30	16 6 4	.....	" "
Onrantangal	.....	7	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	13	..	14	4 2 0	.....	" "
Vennanampalli	.....	9	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	15	....	13	4 14 9	.....	" "
Karasamangalum	.....	7	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	29	..	....	.....	.....	" "
	Total	568	106	91	80	11	5	660	82	81	89 7	...	*720	†2565 0 8	73 10 8	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. S. D. Scudder, Medical Missionary. Rev. Joseph Scudder, in America. Rev. E. C. Scudder, in America. Rev. S. Ettiesajorloo, Head Master of Arcot Seminary. Rev. J. Mayou.

* This report is for the *total* number of Scholars.

† 12 Pie make one Anna; 16 Annas, one Rupee; 1 Rupee, half Dollar, gold.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
English Neighborhood	A. B. Taylor	40	1	...	8	...	...	46	1	...	70	70	70	$150	.. ....	English Neighborhood, N. J.
First Hackensack	T. B. Romeyn	206	10	8	2	...	4	225	14	2		....	275	1,175	$3,500	Hackensack, "
Schraalenberg	W. R. Gordon	170	7	5	8	...	4	235	7	3	150	...	200	434 43	.	Schraalenbergh. "
New Durham	W. V. V. Mabon	90	8	5	4	...	2	121	18	..	160		350	917 00	1,600	Weehawken P. O., U. Hill, "
First Hoboken	Charles D. Buck	85	7	18	2	...	...	50	2	2	200	150	800	84 88	1,249 21	Hoboken. "
Third Jersey City	J. H. Suydam	155	3	12	14	...	2	274	4	...	200	200	268	1,415 30	.... . .	Jersey City, "
North Bergen	J. Justin	*48	...	...	...	...	...	72	...	...		...	200	.....	.....	Town of Union "
Second Hackensack	C. B. Durand	*80	...	...	...	...	...	118	...	..	..		110	..... .	... .	Hackensack, "
German Hoboken	Leopold Mohn	80	31	...	...	...	...	181	88	...	73	195	267	212	1,500	Hoboken, "
German Hackensack	H. Losch	*25	.	...	...	...	...		...	...	.	....	70	.....	..	Hackensack, "
Closter City	P. V. Van Buskirk	60	9	9	...	...	...	68	13	4	75	18	100	140	2,000	Closter, "
Palisades	Isaac M. See, Missionary.	50	2	...	5	1	...	45	2	1	100	75	70	81	800	Fort Lee, "
Guttenberg	Vacant	75	1	5	1	...	1	25	2	...	..	..	125	22 15	255 20	Guttenberg, "
	Total	1114	79	57	39	1	13	1455	146	12	1028	708	2405	$4,631 76	$11,204 41	

Ministers without Charge—A. H. Warner, Hackensack, N. J. C. Wiley, Hackensack, N. J. G. H. Fisher, Hackensack, N. J. James H. Ballagh, Kanagawa, Japan.

Candidates—Rev. Mr. Weber, Hoboken.

* Last year's report.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
Bergen	Benjamin C Taylor	200	1	9	26	...	8	265	8	...	274	274	274	$1,710 94	$3,996 61	Hudson City,	N. J.
Belleville	Wm. W. Halloway, Jr	117	8	10	4	...	4	160	2	1	140	140	180	1.050 87	3.893 89	Belleville	"
First Jersey City	Vacant	90	1	...	17	..	2	136	1	1	70	128	80	1,542 17	3.722 69	Jersey City,	"
Bergen Neck	T W. Wells	7[illegible]	2	6	7	...	3	162	6	..	113	147	144	866 61	2 603 59	Bayonne	"
First Newark	Edward P. Terhune	310	7	13	18	.	3	423	7	3	225	175	400	8.605 18	7.068 86	Newark,	"
Irvington	Henry Vehslage Jr	107	9	9	7	1	6	151	2	3	80	98	94	280	2,300	Irvington,	"
First Van Vorst	Paul D. Van Cleef	145	7	16	8	...	8	*250	14	1	160	160	175	2,307	7.536	Jersey City,	"
Second Newark	Cornelius Brett	100	7	15	7	1	7	*171	13	3	125	125	160	2.757 81	4.000	Newark,	"
Bergen Point	Henry W. F. Jones	90	4	20	3	...	...	137	10	...	110	110	150	1,437 92	4,085 21	Bergen Point,	"
Franklin	A M. Quick	96	4	1	3	...	3	90	6	...	146	146	100	178	1.261	Franklin,	"
North Newark	Charles E Hart.	220	20	12	13	.	6	*343	9	3	400	400	500	7,922 69	5.609 78	Newark,	"
Second Hudson City	C Doeppenschmidt	50	17	.....	.	.	4	150	20	...	21	140	230	94 05	1.342 48	Hudson City,	"
Lafayette	W. Rankin Duryee, (s.c)	95	14	6	8	...	2	119	8	3	60	100	165	891	5 000	Jersey City,	"
West Newark	John Wenisch	40	18	..	8	.	1	90	40	...	45	45	120	15 23	275 54	Newark,	"
Clinton Av. Newark	Wm. J. R Taylor	116	15	28	6	2	5	163	5	3	167	275	275	2 317 12	26,011 69	Newark	"
East Newark	Isaac P. Brokaw	41	11	9	...	...	2	51	1	3	37	100	180	208 30	4,831 70	Newark,	"
West End, Jersey City	Vacant	31	12	10	4	...	3	47	2	4	130	90	90	.....	500	Hudson City,	"
Greenville	Vacant	30	...	28	...	...	...	....	...	...			85	.....	.....	Greenville,	"
	Total	1942	157	192	139	4	67	2908	154	28	2308	2648	3352	$32,184 39	$83,989 04		

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C & B C.: Number of Catechumens	C & B C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Canastota	Vacant*	44	28	11	5	...	1	60	8	6	70	70	70	$100	$1,200	Canastota
Chittenango	J. H. Enders	86	7	4	...	...	1	78	2	...	160	160	160	200	1,800	Chittenango
Cicero	Vacant*	40	17	...	...	...	...	48	...	14	100	100	100	50	1,050	Cicero
Lysander	Vacant	70	...	...	1	...	1	82	...	...	60	60	60	11	455	Lysander
Naumburgh	John Bœhrer	29	5	...	...	...	2	69	5	...	14	16	85	19 40	640	Hamburgh.
New Bremen	John Bœhrer	28	8	...	...	8	...	60	...	...	...			2 07	75	Hamburgh.
Owasco	A. P. Peeke	155	3	...	4	...	2	178	6	8	145	145	98	131 44	3,791 83	Owasco.
Owasco Outlet	Vacant*	50	5	1	4	...	...	69	...	...	20	20	20	87 63	717 01	Auburn.
Syracuse	M. L. Berger, (a. c.)	130	28	8	2	...	4	214	20	20	190	190	187	2,250 17	7,644 55	Syracuse.
Thousand Isles	Geo. Rockwell†	75	1	2	...	...	...	25	...	...	22	22	60	82	350	Alexandria Bay.
Utica	A. G. Vermilye	...	4	2	...	...	...		...	...				...	...	Utica.
West Leyden	F. E. Schlieder	40	13	3	...	...	1	66	11	...	10	36	36	52 50	388	West Leyden.
	Total	742	114	31	16	8	12	949	52	48	791	819	891	$2,986 21	$18,111 89	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. Wm. A. Wurts, Vernon, N. Y. Rev. S. R. Brown, Nagasaki, Japan Rev. G. Y. Verbeck, Nagasaki, Japan.

* Have stated supplies. † Missionary.

CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRES
Fremont Centre	M. Kiekintveld	17	2	4	...	...	1	27	5	...	19	..	19	$ 15	$ 855	Fremont Centre, Mich.
Grand Haven	J. B. de Beer	165	20	4	4	...	1	215	68	...	200	....	300	746	7.000	Grand Haven, "
Grand Rapids	C. Van der Meulen	300	22	35	9	8	8	316	98	...	200	...	375	1,143	9.822	Grand Rapids, "
Grandville	W. P. de Jong*	54	3	...	...	2	2	51	8	...	10	...		126	140	Grandville, "
Kalamazoo	A. Kriekaard	187	36	12	9	3	4	277	52	...	158	...	162	793	5 300	Kalamazoo, "
Muskegon	W A. Houbolt	168	16	11	.	..	...	127	49	.	90	....	70	500	1.750	Muskegon, "
Polkton	A. Buursma	58	5	2	1	1	3	83	20	.	50	..	55	200	550	Eastmanville, "
Spring Lake	J. de Pree	50	23	12	5	...	3	49	16	1	65	...	65	59	889	Spring Lake, "
	Total	944	127	80	28	19	22	1145	306	1	882	...	1046	$3,582	$25,756	

* Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Ithaca	Thomas C. Strong	200	23	1	1	...	4	200	4	6	125	50	125	$977 99	$3,415	Ithaca, N. Y.
Geneva	Samuel J. Rogers	94	5	6	10	.	4	168	6	3	60	80	80	629	1,658	Geneva.
Farmer Village	James C. Forsyth	110	1	5	2	...	4	160	1	..	115	20	100	209	3,126	Farmer Village.
Lodi	H. P. McAdams	110	...	...	4	...	2	156	1	...	....	...	150	111	886 50	Lodi.
Arcadia	Vacant*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		.	...	.....		E Newark.
Wolcott	Jas. L. Southard	45	4	2	1	...	1	76	..	2	55	20	55	116	9,367	Fairhaven.
Buffalo	Vacant.	22	4	4	...	...	1	41	4	1	25	15	30	170	150	Buffalo
Rochester	P. B Bahler	158	9	...	2	4	2	231	27	...	14	62	58	579	2,557	Rochester.
Clymer Village	A. Westveert†	35	1	6	1	...	...	44	2	...	12	...	...	21 40	408	Clymer.
Mina Corners	Vacant	26	1	...	4	1	...	43	4	...	32	24	84	105	243	Mina.
Cato	Vacant	65	...	...	1	.	3	76	1	...	..	60	40	57	709	Cato.
Cleveland	Vacant	70	9	2	3	4	3	139	15	.	15	14	70	240	1,887	Cleveland, O.
Dunkirk	Vacant	9	...	...	...	...	...	19	1	...		.		12	58	Dunkirk, N Y.
Clymer	G J. Renskers	67	19	2	9	3	..	170	18	...	90	65	50	110	1,850	Clymer.
Pultneyville	Vacant*.	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	..	...	....	Pultneyville.
East Williamson	A. B Veenhuisen	80	14	6	8		...	164	18	...	20	50	.	.60	800	E. Williamson.
Tyre	W. D. Buckelew	40	1	.	4	..	1	58	1	1	...	25	45	10	3,200	Magee's Corners.
Caroline	Vacant*		...	...	...	...	...		...	...		.		.....	. .	Slaterville.
Marion	J. W. Warnshuis†	37	4	65	3	...	.	66	9	...			....	125	.....	Marion.
	Total	968	95	99	58	12	25	1811	112	12	568	485	882	$3,568 89	$30,259 50	

Ministers without Charge.—J. Whitbeck, (s. o.,) Ithaca, N. Y.; A. M. Mann, Farmer Village, N. Y.; H. W. Knight, Emeritus, Putneyville. N. Y.
Candidate—Henry J. Grant, Jr., Ithaca, N Y.

* No report. † Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRES
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
First Athens	Alan D Campbell	80	4	.	1	...	1	99	.	1	.	.		$192 96	$1,329 58	Athens, N. Y.
Second Athens	Vacant		...	.	...	...	...	..	...	...	..			...	...	Athens.
Catskill	F. A. Horton, (s c.).	175	16	8	2	...	8		10	8	50	280	260	707 12	4,632	Catskill.
First Coxsackie	J. S Demund, S S.	80	13	...	3	...	1	100	5	6	60	80	105	617 49	1,813	Coxsackie.
Second Coxsackie	Anson F. Munn	90	6	6	4	...	1	154	7	3	80		90	617 49	1,813	Coxsackie.
Kiskatom	Wm. G E See	90	5	...	.	...	.	164	5	1	...	.	70	286 19	950	Catskill.
Leeds	Benj. Van Zandt	90	3	2	1	...	2	113	2	1	...	50	150	125 50	1,226 78	Leeds.
Moresville and Gilboa	*		...	...	...	...	...		...	...	....	..		24 88	200	Mooresville.
Prattsville	Wm. H Carr†	63	6	1	2	...	3	69	...	...	....	.	40	137	600	Prattsville.
Roxbury	J. Kelly Rhinehart	65	1	2	2	...	...	79	...	1	25	45	70	207 67	1,475	Roxbury.
	Total	633	54	14	15	...	16	778	29	21	215	405	785	$2,298 81	$13,226 36	

Ministers without Charge—John A. Lansing, 34 Vesey street, N. Y.; M Lusk, Coxsackie, N. Y.; William Johns Spartansburg, Penn.

* Supplied by J. K. Rhinehart. † Pastor elect

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	Adults	C & B. C. Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Beaverdam	Vacant	20	7	1	...	...	...	37	5	.	35	..		$ 78 88	$436 50	Beaverdam, Zeeland P.O., Mich.
Drenthe	W. Moerdyk	49	11	...	5	1	7	92	12	...	97			212 68	829 93	Vriesland Ottawa Co., "
Ebenezer	A. C. Kuyper	54	8	1	...	..	2	95	14	...	70		50	298 05	976 66	Holland, " "
Fynaart	Vacant	17		2	...	...	.	28	2	...	18			...	...	Graafschap, Allegan Co., "
Graafschap	E. C. Oggel (s. c).	42	6	9	5	..	4	87	6	..	70	..	60	100	450	" " "
First Holland	R. Pieters	117	2	24	6	2	7	241	30	...	200		200	1,758	2,888	Holland, Ottawa Co., "
Third Holland	Jacob Van der Meulen	105	7	8	9	1	..	194	60	...	80		180	1,195 63	1,807	" " "
Jamestown	Vacant	22	...	...	1	...	...	26	4	...	30	...		51	59	Jamestown, Zeeland P. O., "
Mattoax, Va.	John Huyzinga	19		8	11	...	...	25	6	...	30	...	...		...	Mattoax, Amelia Co., Va.
North Holland	B. Van Ess	90	5	8	4	...	1	77	21	...	146			186	1,219 86	Holland, Ottawa Co., Mich.
Overyssel	G. J. Nykerk	150	21	6	5	...	2	326	38	...	156	...	170	645 25	1,169 82	Overyssel, Allegan Co., "
Saugatuck	D Broek	45	15	19	.	1	...	59	9	...	36		30	78 75	581 20	Saugatuck, " "
Vriesland	H. Uiterwyk	92	6	1	5	...	2	143	18	...	160	..	152	318 97	5,843 29	Vriesland, Ottawa Co., "
Zeeland	S. Bolks	158	8	10	12	8	5	307	46	1	200	...		1,072	1 000 40	Zeeland, " "
	Total	975	91	82	68	8	30	1737	271	1	1328	...	842	$5,940 21	$16,256 16	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, D D., President of the Council of Hope College; Rev. Philip Phelps, D.D., Principal of Hope College; Rev. T. Romeyn Beck, Professor in Hope College, Holland, Ottawa Co., Mich.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Hudson	John McC. Holmes	190	36	10	6	..	4	400	7	8	280	280	340	$2,945 82	$5,082 45	Hudson, N. Y.
First Claverack	F. N Zabriskie	140	4	3	3	...	8	172	5	1	125	100	175	1,127 58	2,500	Claverack, "
Second Claverack	A J. Sebring	200	2	1	1	...	5	186	3	1	100	60	190	639 10	1,970 79	Mellenville, "
Linlithgo	T S. Dusinberre	150	24	3	*11	...	3	220	9	4	25	56	165	154 85	1,530	Livingston, "
Greenport	John S. Himrod	95	8	1	3	...	3	178	11	2	..	40	80	200 ..	1,282 .	Hudson, "
Germantown	G. D W. Bodine	88	2	.	9	...	2	151	16	.	..	40	75	208 25	800 ..	Germantown, "
Upper Red Hook	Henry V. S. Myers	80	6	.	4	...	1	101	.	...	.	....	60	106 79	972 58	Upper Red Hook, "
Greenbush	DeWitt B. Wyckoff	70	4	3	...	...	3	92	1	1		....	..	116 ..	600 ..	Mount Ross, "
Taghkanic	John B Church	75	...	...	...	...	2	127	1	1	23	16	107	45 ..	1,200 ..	West Copake, "
Livingston, Linlithgo.	H. R. Schermerhorn(S. S.)	54	3	14	...	...	...	17	.	...		...	.	.. . . ..	686 ..	Linlithgo, Col. C., "
	Total	1142	89	35	47	.	31	1589	53		503	542	1192	$5,588 39	$16,523 77	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Edwin Holmes, (s. c.), Hudson. Rev. H. R. Schermerhorn, and Rev. A. Mattice, Hudson. Rev. D. A. Jones, Claverack.

* Eight were dismissed to form the new Church, called, "The Livingston Reformed Church at Linlithgo."

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Fair View	J. S. Joralmon (s. c)	115	3	3	6	...	6	208	10	1	90	80	150	$334 34	$2,080 75	Fair View, Fulton Co., Ill
Pekin	Vacant	64	...	...	4	...	...	99	...	...		...	165	...	1,600	Pekin, Tazewell Co., "
Spring Lake	A. V. Gulick	31	4	...	2	...	3	40	4	2	30	62	64	36 20	577 70	Manito, "
Raritan	S. A. Bumstead	45	8	2	3	...	...	155	10	1	25	30	80	140	800	Raritan, Henderson Co., "
Bushnell	Jas. Wyckoff	70	1	...	5	...	1	95	8	1	50	30	150	200	850	Bushnell, McDonough Co., "
Davenport	G. H. Peeke	60	9	10	...	...	1	82	...	...	30	60	90	182 36	3,325	Davenport, Iowa.
First Pella	E. Winter	210	21	5	16	1	7	280	72	...	200	100	125	1 500	1,900	Pella, Marion Co., "
Havana	H. E. Decker, S. S.	22	...	3	1	...	1	16	...	...	30	60	60	.....	2,500	Havana, Mason Co., Ill.
Second Pella	A. Thompson	45	1	1	11	...	1	55	7	1		80	250	327	880	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Bethel	P. de Pree	68	6	1	3	1	...	43	14	...	47	50	75	110 93	614 78	" " "
Leyden Centre	H. H. Johnson, S. S.	45	6	3	3	1	...	35	6	3	30	40	80	105	668	Jefferson, Cook Co., Ill.
Third Pella	K. B. Weiland	130	45	13	2	2	3	160	58	...		205		134	5,000	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Am. Reformed, Chicago	J. Demarest, Jr.	50	7	9	6	...	2	85	2	2	100	150	70	596 49	5,911 60	Chicago, Ill.
Fourth Pella	Vacant	29	3	...	...	...	1	52	...		21			57 25	989 18	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Otley	A. G. Lansing, S. S.	14	16	8	...	...	...	24	4	1	....	32	67	.....	1,200	" " "
	Total	990	180	58	65	5	26	1364	185	12	758	979	1456	$3,723 57	$28,596 96	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. A. D. Wilson, Fair View, Fulton Co., Ill. Rev. J. F. Morris, Bushnell, McDonough Co., Ill. Rev. C. D. Eltinge, Oquawka, Ill. Rev. E. P. Livingston, Superintendent Western Missions, Bushnell, Ill. Rev. N. D. Williamson, Missionary, Norris, Fulton Co., Ill. Rev. U. D. Gulick, Missionary, Norwood Park, Cook Co., Ill.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Bloomingdale	Augustus Blauvelt	56	7	1	...	...	1	91	3	1	...	...	80	...	...	Creek Locks, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove	N. H. Van Arsdale	*150	8	...	8	1	5	188	13	5	75	100	150	$398 78	$1,665 93	High Falls, "
Dashville Falls	Paul T. Deyo	120	21	2	7	...	...	136	9	8		34	160	99 47	1,063 83	Rifton Glen, "
Guilford	Richard DeWitt	88	4	...	9	...	6	69	7	2	20	23	140	225 73	1,064	Tuthill, "
Hurley	J. F. Harris	62	6	2	1	1	...	123	7	...	50	40	65	341 08	789 65	Hurley, "
N. Church, Marbletown	"	70	11	...	...	...	6	113	10	4	40	35	60	176 02	703 60	"
Second Church, Kingston	Chas. H. Stitt.	150	21	27	20	...	4	344	15	4	45	145	160	1,627	3,500	Kingston, "
Marbletown	Wm. M. Brush	170	4	8	8	...	6	288	16	1	...	115	150	374 07	2,016 27	Stone Ridge, "
New Paltz	Philip Peltz (s. c.)	281	17	10	8	...	9	411	18	...	195	161	258	1,056 22	1,627 48	New Paltz "
Rochester	S. P. M. Hastings	150	2	15	5	...	2	150	16	1	75	75	150	151 81	849 32	Accord, "
Rosendale	M. F. Liebenau	60	4	2	5		1	81	8	1	...	..	100	160 16	774 36	Rosendale, "
Samsonville	Vacant	45	14	...	...	...	...	64	2	3	...		...	18	226 50	Samsonville, "
St. Remy	Vacant	37	1	...	2	...	...	43	..	1	25	20	50	8 75	110 31	Fly Mountain, "
	Total	1484	120	62	68	2	40	2046	124	31	525	748	1523	$4,558 59	$14,891 25	

Minister without Charge.—James R. Lente, Emeritus, Blooming Grove, Orange Co., N. Y.

* Revised

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Jamaica	J. G. Van Slyke	*122	5	6	4	...	4		6	3	....	...	*120	$338 18	$2,570 65	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	C. I. Shepard	120	13	6	5	...	4	176	7	4	168	215	170	506 72	5,024 23	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	Vacant	157	9	2	...	...	1	129	9	5	45	138	131	177 61	3,585 68	East Norwich, "
North Hempstead	Vacant	70	1	5	...	...	3	75	5	...	....		70	68 01	1,879 51	Manhasset, "
Williamsburg	E. S. Porter	325	2	7	5	...	3	434	13	1	400	500	500	....	....	Williamsburg, "
Astoria	W. H. Ten Eyck, (s. c.).	60	1	2	2	...	1	100	6	...	54	36	86	772 30	2,794 14	Astoria, "
Greenpoint	Alex. McKelvy	210	25	19	15	...	...	358	22	6	500	321	280	520 00	7,250 88	Greenpoint Br'klyn, E. D., L. I
Flushing	E. S. Fairchild	91	8	3	7	...	2	189	11	1	125	125	90	431 58	2,755	Flushing, L. I.
South Bushwick	George D Hulst	85	15	22	11	1	1	150	4	7	250	192	168	154	4,371 50	21 Grove St., " E. D., L. I
Lee Avenue.	J. Halsted Carroll	340	75	43	6	...	2	550	13	17	360	810	..	345 16	12,952 65	24 Bedford Av. " " "
East Williamsburg	Vacant.	30	...	...	2	...	1	20	1	...	25	50	75	379 65	400	Maspeth, L. I.
Queens	Vacant.	70	12	1	1	...	2	90	...	1	135	100		136	2,904 85	Queens, "
Second Astoria.	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	60	22	.	2	...	...	120	45	...	20	50	80	20	1,500	Astoria, "
Second Newtown	"	25	4	...	...	...	1	41	9	...	4	6	20	.	170	" "
Ger. Evan. Brooklyn	J. M. Wagner.	214	36	6	4	...	2	390	130	1	200	350	450	167 43	1,568 65	315 Graham Av., Br'klyn, E. D.
Sayville	L. G. Jongeneel	85	...	.	...	...	...	38	2	...	....		30	24 25	398 02	Sayville, L. I.
	Total.	2014	228	122	64	1	27	2860	283	46	2286	2893	2270	$4,040 89	$50,125 76	

Ministers without Charge.—E R Atwater, 30 Vesey street New York. A. C. Hillman, 214 Ross street, Williamsburg, L I., P. S. Williamson, San Francisco, Cal. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y. Lewis G. Bingham, New Brunswick, N. J. W. W. Hicks, Charleston, S. C. J. B. Alliger, Jamaica, L. I. Ira C. Boice, Paterson, N. J.

Candidate—Wm. Ferris, 34 Vesey street, New York.

* Revised list.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Brooklyn	Joseph Kimball	208	18	9	20	...	5	404	11	2	200		300	$12,465 59	$8,087 17	Brooklyn, L. I.
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	140	12	6	5	..	3	242	11	3	150	150	270	5,400 02	*3,000	Flatbush, "
New Utrecht	D. S. Sutphen	95	11	...	6	.	4	201	10	...	100	120	170	1,241 24	2,350	New Utrecht "
Gravesend	Maurice G Hansen, (s.c.)	117	3	5	...	...	4	155	12	1	104	68	120	469 50	2,420 49	Gravesend, "
Flatlands	Anson Dubois	100	1	1	2	...	6	171	12	...	....	25	177	1,500 81	2,152 17	Flatlands, "
New Lots	John M. Van Buren	70	1	..	3	...	1	123	9	...	30	30	40	437 15	2,200	East New York, "
East New York	C. R. Blauvelt	75	6	10	4	...	2	113	4	1	88	100	180	621 12	2,271	" "
South Brooklyn	John H. Manning	40	...	2	...	...	...	68	...	...	50	60	71	329 73	7,846 83	Brooklyn, "
Middle Brooklyn	Edward P. Ingersoll	237	110	43	24	...	4	454	23	44	250	330	475	1,515 80	17,112 30	" "
Twelfth street	N. P. Pierce	120	6	19	8	3	2	224	15	2	15	40	300	311 66	6,578	" "
North Brooklyn	William T. Enyard	319	12	10	1	...	7	555	10	2	320	375	480	1,825 50	6,700	" "
Church on the Heights	Zachary Eddy	215	14	14	8	...	3	524	8	2	117	567	430	20,335 43	9,624 46	" "
New Brooklyn	Charles F. C. Suckow	70	33	...	...	...	2	151	57	..	35	70	110	42	1,094 69	New Brooklyn, "
East Brooklyn	Vacant	23	1	4	29	..	...	62	4	...	..	90	58	158 57	2,511 44	Brooklyn, "
	Total	1829	228	128	110	3	43	3447	186	57	1559	1955	3165	$46,654 18	$73,908 45	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. J. M. Ferris, D.D., Sec. of Board of Foreign Missions, 34 Vesey street, New York City. Rev. Jacob West, D.D., Sec. of Board of Domestic Missions, 34 Vesey street. Rev. Julius Hones, Brooklyn, L. I. Rev. Daniel Rapalye, Missionary to China. Rev. Alfred E. Myers, Missionary Pastor of Bethany Chapel, 184 Montague street, Brooklyn, L. I.

* This is the amount received from the congregation. The proceeds from invested funds are not included.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
Battle Creek		55	2	...	2	...	1	64	7	1	30	170	120	$ 55 30	$ 985	Battle Creek,	Mich.
Centreville	A. H. Van Vranken	95	9	3	7	...	...	151	3	3	....	100	125	276 10	1,518 61	Centreville,	"
Constantine	J. W. Beardslee (s.c.)	70	7	5	6	...	...	128	4	4			180	211 49	1,200	Constantine,	"
Grand Rapids		85	1	3	3	..	1	40	..	...	30	25	65	131 73	800	Grand Rapids,	"
Hope	A. T Stewart	40	4	4	7	...	...	76	3	...	52	95	97	125 46	980 50	Holland,	"
Macon	P. Moerdyk	30	7	2	1	...	3	47	...	4	....	50	35	29 82	550	Tecumseh.	"
Porter		25	...	...	...	...	...	23	..	...	...	.		.. ..	50	Constantine,	"
South Bend	W J. Skillman	25	5	6	.	...	...	21	1	...	...		80	53 50	580 71	South Bend,	Ind.
South Macon	P. Moerdyk	30	...	2	1	1	2	32	...	...	30	45	35	44 42	473 50	Tecumseh,	Mich
	Total	405	35	25	27	1	7	582	18	12	142	485	737	$927 82	$7,138 32		

Ministers without Charge—Rev C. Van der Veen, Holland, Mich , Editor of 'De Hope." Rev. I. Collier, Battle Creek, Mich. Rev. J. Tarbell, Alamo, Mich. Emeritus. Rev. W. B. Gilmore, Amelia C. H., Va.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction		Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes		
First Freehold	George Swain	100	7	4	1	...	3	175	3	4	90	80	150	$374 03	$1 850 13	Marlboro,	N. J
Second Freehold	Vacant	150	9	9	7	...	5	245	4	4	80	60	150	341	3 156	Freehold,	"
Holmdel	William Reiley	75	7	3	2	...	4	136	2	4	120	20	100	486	1 400	Holmdel,	"
Spottswood	Ralph Willis	50	3	3	...	...	...	90	12	1	30	15	30	108	1,998 49	Spottswood,	"
Middletown	George Seibert	52	...	1	2	...	...	67	4	...	35	60	80	77 88	1 208 45	Middletown,	"
Keyport	A. A. Zabriskie	49	5	6	1	...	...	50	3	1	10	20	35	100	1 100	Keyport,	"
Long Branch	James B. Wilson	70	8	2	6	...	...	121	5	1	35	47	82	150	2,506 36	Long Branch,	"
Colt's Neck	James Bolton, (s. c.)	68	6	2	4	...	2	132	7	1	25	75	20	86 52	1 200 00	Colt's Neck,	"
	Total	614	45	29	23	...	14	1015	40	16	425	377	697	$1,723 43	$14,419 83		

Ministers without Charge—G. C. Schanck, Marlboro, N. J. Samuel Lockwood, Freehold, N. J.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Auriesville	Vacant	50	3	1	...	...	...	25	4	2	...	...	...	$ 21	$ 325	
Caughnawaga	T. W. Jones	140	4	9	3	...	9	125	3	1	..	...	100	190	2,600	Fonda, N. Y.
Canajoharie	R. R. Williams	104	36	11	7	..	6	158	8	15	...	25	170	128	2,013	Canajoharie, "
Columbia	J. M. Compton †	62	1	...	...	...	2	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	406 92	Jordanville, Herk. Co., "
Currytown	D. K. Van Doren	34	...	...	...	...	1	30	...	...	...	...	40	284 33	400	Root, Mont. Co., "
Ephratah	Vacant		...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...		...	...	
Florida	G. Lane	103	6	...	2	...	1	142	..	...		...	140	126	900	Minaville, "
Fort Plain	Alex. B. Riggs	84	8	4	2	...	1	67	6	...	...	40	80	111 41	1,866 75	Fort Plain, "
Fort Herkimer	Vacant		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Fultonville	F. M. Kip, Jr	100	7	5	4	...	2	‡68	1	4	...	...	198	233 42	4 646	Fultonville, "
Glen	F. V. Van Vranken	100	4	1	...	1	1	98	4	8	...	50	125	107 87	9,335 99	Glen, "
Hagaman's Mills	A. J. Hageman (s. c.)	70	...	2	8	...	8	72	...	...	25	35	50	283 70	335	Hagaman's Mills, "
Henderson	J. M. Compton†	25	..	..	10	...	14	32	1	...	...	...	28	...	320 25	
Herkimer	G. D. Consaul	175	14	4	3	...	1	115	4	1	30	130	110	160	2,200	Herkimer, "
Indian Castle	R. M. Stanborough	19	...	...	2	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	8 85	212	Ingham's Mills, "
Manheim	R. M. Stanborough	50	1	...	...	...	2	88	6	.	...	...	...	54 50	792	Ingham's Mills, "
Mapleton *		60	...	...	...	...	...	51	...	...	...	...		...	...	
Mohawk	F. F. Wilson	75	3	1	...	...	...	45	...	...	...	50	80	75	1,350	Mohawk, "
Port Jackson	H. Pattengill, S. S.	70	3	4	1	...	3	93	2	1	40	70	110	80	1,040	Port Jackson, "
St. Johnsville	J. Knieskern	95	3	..	...	...	3	114	...	...	...	...	100	236	782	St Johnsville, "
Stone Arabia	Vacant	47	3	...	5	...	...	41	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	Stone Arabia "
Spraker's Basin	D. K. Van Doren	58	1	1	...	...	...	22	...	1	...	..	75	36 81	420	Spraker's Basin, "
Tillaborough	Vacant		..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	
	Total	1516	97	43	42	1	49	1466	45	28	145	400	1331	$2,306 89	$30,444 91	

Ministers without Charge—Elbert Slingerland, Emeritus, Hagaman's Mills, N. Y. J. C. Boyd, Albany, N. Y.

* Last year's report. † Pastor elect. ‡ Revised report.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	Adults	C. & D. C. Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
First New Brunswick	Richard H. Steele, (s. c.)	200	15	18	10	...	8	465	10	4	120	120	220	$3 385 26	$8 049 85	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Jacob C. Sears	188	6	9	*9	...	2	225	11	4	36	30	250	1,311 48	1 400 ..	Six Mile Run, "
Hillsborough	Ed. T. Corwin	150	55	9	*23	..	6	281	12	9	100	20	200	500 ..	1 500 ..	Millstone, "
Middlebush	Stephen L. Mershon	107	21	6	2	...	1	181	9	2	90	100	145	601 ..	2 682 ..	Middlebush, "
Griggstown	Stephen Searle	56	2	3	4	...	1	110	7	1	30	60	80	619 30	1.242 ..	Griggstown, "
Second New Brunswick	Chester D. Hartranft	160	5	13	10	...	4	307	8	...	130	190	245	4,242 75	5 774 30	New Brunswick, "
Bound Brook	Jacob C. Dutcher	85	8	5	2	...	3	151	1	4	40	75	100	285 ..	2,476 .	Bound Brook, "
Third New Brunswick	Charles Meyer, S. S.	19	4	..	3	...	1	37	3	...	10	10	65	13 ..	480 ..	New Brunswick, "
East Millstone	Alexander McWilliam	80	9	17	3	.	1	145	6	...	70	70	60	175 ..	1,578	Millstone, "
Metuchen	Edward Lord	68	2	11	7	...	4	121	2	...	48	30	75	50 .	2,852 56	Metuchen, "
	Total	1058	127	91	73	...	31	2023	69	24	674	705	1440	$11,182 79	$28,034 71	

Ministers without Charge—Peter J. Quick, (Supt. Theological Hall), Wm. H. Campbell, (President of Rutgers College), Profs. Jacob T. Cooper and T Sandford Doolittle, all of New Brunswick, N. J. Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J. J. H. Van Doren, Amoy, China. H. W. Brandt, South Africa. J. L See, Sec. Bd. Ed., 34 Vesey street, New York City. B. F. Romaine, Sec. Ohio Colonization Society, Columbus. Ohio. N. J. M Bogert, Metuchen, N. J.

Candidates—H. R. Lott, DeWitt T. Reiley, (Prof. of Latin in Rutger's College, and Rector of Grammar School), and H. C. Berg, all of New Brunswick, N. J.

*A number of names dropped.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
	Thomas De Witt		...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55 East 9th St., New York.
	Thomas E. Vermilye	...	...	...	...				...	...	...	...		...	...	15 West 56th St., "
Collegiate, New York. ..	Talbot W Chambers	570	74	58	33	...	21	1501	26	7	...	...	1925	$29,500	...	70 West 36th St., "
	James M. Ludlow	..	...	...	...	...	...		...	...		...	...	...	...	116 West 48th St., "
	William Ormiston		...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...		...	...	158 East 27th St., "
Thirty Fourth Street.....	Isaac Riley	310	19	19	39	...	13	560	19	6	125	225	220	2,477	$7,365	344 West 32d St., "
St. Paul's	Alex. R. Thompson,		6	2	8	...	2		8	2				...		320 West 30th St., "
Madison Avenue	H. D. Ganse.		6	4	26	...	6	347	6	2	70	55	70	1,753 92	...	115 East 61st St., "
German Evan. Mission....	Julius M. Geyer	180	75	...	14	...	5	550	48	1	50	300	500	3,334 16	4,075 70	82 Second St., "
Bloomingdale	E. Van Aken.	100	6	...			...	*70	8	..	93		93	...	...	316 West 52d St., "
Harlem	G. Henry Mandeville.	179	6	15	13		6	*246	22	2	200	237	300	1,789 34	...	5 Hanson Pl. Harlem "
Mott Haven	H. Du Bois	150	11	13	2	...	1	192	11	5	200	200	275	...	3,000	Mott Haven, "
Staten Island	James Brownlee	160	10	7	5	...	5	322	22	4	...	25	420	1,156	4,420 94	Port Richmond, "
Richmond, S. I	J. H. Sinclair	25	3	...	2	...	1	47	1	...			75	20 17	443 45	Richmond, "
Ch. of the Huguenots, S. I.	H. B. Stryker	35	2	1	...	...	...	37	1	...	28	30	70	61 59	640 68	South Side. S. I. "
Fourth German	John H. Oerter.	92	11	...	2	...	1	192	20	...	21	34	80	102 04	4,402 14	252 West 40th St., "
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush...	79	5	14	2	...	2	152	15	...	213	213	169	613 07	2,802 79	231 East 86th St., "
Holland	A. H. Bechtold	100	10	14	2	...	...	77	2	...	14	...	...	16	600	245 West 20th St., "
South New York	E. P. Rogers.	200	16	10	12	...	3	466	23	5	..	...	710	10,351 37	13.500	42 West 27th St., "
South New Haven, Ct.	H. Branch.	155	8	9	5	...	2	167	5	3	225	...	138	507 02	2,045 76	New Haven, Ct.
Brookfield, Ct.†		35	...	...	...	...	...	33	...	...	10	...	45	...	...	...
	Total	2370	268	166	165	...	68	4959	237	37	1249	1319	5180	$51,681 68	$43,296 46	

Ministers without Charge—Isaac Ferris, D.D., LL.D. 108 E. 12th St. Chas. Whitehead. Chaplain City Hospital. Jno, Forsyth, D.D., Newburgh, N. Y. M
Marselus, D.D., 292 South 5th St., Wm'sburg, N. Y. T. B. Gregory, Bergen Point, N. J. C. M. Jameson, Somerville, N. J. E. B. Cleghorn, Bible House, N. Y.
Missionary Pastors.—W. H. Clark, (s. c.) 7th Av., Cor. 54th St. J. H. Bertholf, 160 W. 29th, St. W. H. De Hart, Knox Memo. Chapel, 9th Av., near 88
Leonard W. Kip, Missionary to China. A. R. Van Nest, Missionary at Florence. Chas. H. H. Wolff, Missionary to Japan.

† Report of last year. * Revised List.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRES
Brighton Heights	Thomas G. Watson	75	25	7	7	...	4	210	18	3	200	30	160	$214 64	$3,823	Tompkinsville, S. I.
Washington Square	M. S. Hutton	108	9	1	26	...	4	224	10	2	125	16	125	2,382	6,955	New York City.
Manhattan	Lawrence P. Cummings	37	7	4	3	..	2	55	3	...	184	20	184	150	1,600	New York City.
Bushwick	S. H. Meeker, (s. o.)	68	11	2	7	...	4	238	39	8	50	30	170	320	2,850	Williamsburg, L. I.
Union Ref. 6th Avenue	Julius L. Danner	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
German Ref. P. Church	H. A. Friedel	240	40	6	...	...	5	438	1 2	1	45	60	500	369	2,600	New York City.
	Total	528	92	20	43	...	19	1165	167	14	604	156	1139	$3,435 64	$17,828	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. J. B. Steele, 34 Vesey Street, N. Y. Rev. J. M. Macauley. Rev. H. R. Timlow.

Candidate—Isaac W. Warner, Williamsburg, L. I.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total new in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
Berea	J. B. Ten Eyck	57	6	2	..	...	1	58	7	...		12	40	.....	$608	Walden,	N. Y
Bloomingburgh	R. H. Beattie	100	..	6	5	...	4	131	5	...	74	28	102	$79 91	1,766	Bloomingburgh,	"
Callicoon	Wm. Eltrich, S. S.	50	24	2	14	...	3	149	26	2	14	60	80	8	344 50	Callicoon,	"
Claryville	W. E. Turner, S. S.	25	...	.	...	.	...	19	...	...	..	...	100	.....	.....	Claryville,	"
Cuddebackville	W. E Bogardus	16	1		1	...	3	43	1	1	76	...	46	43 50	882 05	Cuddebackville,	"
Deerpark	S. W. Mills	155	9	14	..	...	5	215	3	6	50	....	165	1,656	3,300	Port Jervis,	"
Ellenville	E W Bentley, (s. c.)	100	10	4	9	...	3	246	2	2	12	12	210	426 96	3,223 95	Ellenville,	"
Fallsburgh	W. S. Brown	100	..	5	1	...	2	96	10	...	10	35	80	287 36	900	Woodbourne,	"
Fremont	Wm. Eltrich, S. S	46	17	1	..	...	2	96	12	3	14	10	..	.....	125	Fremont Center,	"
Grahamville	W. E. Turner	50	..	2	1	...	..	109	5	..	...	...	81	.....	...	Grahamville,	"
Kerhonksen	John DuBois	70	3	2	..	...	2	110	17	...	...		60	17	607	Kerhonksen,	"
Mamakating	E. G. Ackerman	70	1	1	...	...	2	65	6	..	20	6	50	.....	....	Wurtsboro,	"
Minnisink	Vacant	40	1	...	...	...	..	35	...	...	40		....	50	500	Montague,	N. J.
Montgomery	A. B. Van Zandt	175	9	2	8	...	8	315	7	3	100	140		1.092	1,810 36	Montgomery,	N. Y.
Newburgh	W. H. Gleason	225	58	34	6	..	8	350	15	20	210	50	215	1,047 37	6,805	Newburgh,	"
New Hurley	Vacant	110	8	1	3	...	4	185	13	2	90	75	150	262 31	1,130	New Hurley,	"
New Prospect	Vacant	80	4	3	5	...	1	131	8	...		30		29 10	820	Ulsterville,	"
Shawangunk	C. Spaulding	175	9	2	7	.	10	251	8	4	75	90	130	369	1,107 68	Bruynswick,	"
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	100	10	6	8	...	8	190	7	2	100	80	125	400	1,900	Walden,	"
Wallkill Valley	Vacant	..	.	...	...	...	1	29	...		...	...		.....	663	Shawangunk,	"
Walpack (Upper)	G. S. Garretson	63	6	2		...	1	78	..	3	20	120	20	120	825	Dingman's Ferry,	"
Walpack (Lower)	J. F. Shaw	110	12	2	2	...	4	159	7	2	80	80	145	98 65	1,028	Bushkill,	Pa.
Wawarsing	J. R. Talmage	120	4	6	6	.	2	185	14	2	50	75	150	84	1,250	Napanoch,	N. Y.
	Total	2087	187	297	84	...	74	3245	168	52	587	805	1949	$6,066 16	$29,545 54		

Ministers without Charge—Rev. John A. Staats, Goshen, N. Y. Rev. C. Scott, Holland, Mich. Rev N. W. Jones. Rev. H. Morris, Binghampton, N. Y Rev Joshua Boyd, Newburgh, N. Y. Rev. L. L. Comfort, Glasgow, Scotland. Rev. R. Pitts, Stroudsburgh, Pa.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Clarkstown	B. C. Lippincott	100	4	1	4	...	4	197	4	1	100	50	180	$732	$1 884 92	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y.
Tappan.	George M. S. Blauvelt	130	4	...	8	...	1	155	4	1	100	200	150	278	1.373	Tappantown, "
Acquackanonk	John Gaston	200	6	9	13	1	8	306	13	...	125	100	200	1,937 65	6,129 80	Passaic, N. J.
Second Totowa	John H. Duryea.	135	7	7	4	...	9	245	16	4		100	170	751 76	2,200	Paterson, "
Paramus	Vacant	†175	3	..	3	.	4	244	.	...	80	170	170	..	.	Hohokus, "
Pascack	Benjamin A. Bartolf	70	...	...	..	...	2	84	1	...	30	10	100	62 41	774 59	Pascack "
Saddle River	Abraham H. Myers.	86	2	3	...	...	1	136	6	.	15	20	60	85 36	730	Monsey, N. Y.
Ramapo	George A. Magie*	†50	1	...	.	...	1	57	2	...	75	20	100	...	....	Suffern, "
West New Hempstead	Vacant	89	13	...	..	...	..	76	10	7	30	30	70	135 97	1,154 90	Monsey, "
Warwick	F. H Vanderveer	85	...	3	...	...	1	123	1	...	20	40	60	405	1 247 47	Warwick, "
Nyack	Henry V. Voorhees	135	9	9	5	1	5	256	6	4	200	50	250	577 34	5,234 24	Nyack, "
Piermont.	Augustus F. Todd	45	4	1	10	...	3	49	3	...	30	10	50	413	1.960	Piermont, "
Broadway, Paterson	Wm. W. Halloway	95	2	3	2	...	1	130	9	1	150	150	230	564	2.940	Paterson, N. J.
North Passaic	J. Paschal Strong, (s. c.)	70	2	11	1	...	...	89	3	...	80	70	90	250	2.500	Passaic, "
Spring Valley.	Vacant.	87	4	2	7	...	1	90	3	2	80	10	54	150 08	2,936 14	Spring Valley, N. Y.
First Holland, Paterson	James Huyssoon	104	7	12	...	..	1	185	30	...	24	44	52	108 64	860	Paterson, N. J.
Second Holland, Paterson.	A. K. Kasse	110	11	4	5	...	5	240	30	1	55	70	140	125 33	1.447 87	Paterson, "
Holland, Lodi.	Vacant.	....	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	....	...	..	.....	Lodi, "
	Total	1716	79	65	62	2	47	2612	141	21	1194	1104	2076	$6,576 54	$32,872 43	

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Boardville	James E Bernart, Miss.	18									18	18	15	$87		Pompton, N. J.
Boonton	Cyrus B. Durand	76	26	7	7			83	1	11		6	64	49	$1,800	Boonton, "
Fairfield	Joseph Wilson	60	38	3	3		1		2	8	30	25	80	60	1.044	Little Falls, "
Little Falls	George J. Van Neste	70	35	6	3		1	100	1	8	60	40	95	295 43	3,485 93	Little Falls "
Montville	Luther H. Van Doren	102	42	5	3			*132	6	20		92	92	94	50	Boonton, "
Sixth Paterson	Jacobus M. Rutte		15	5			2	297				100	200			Paterson, "
Pompton Plains	John V. N. Schenk	136	9	1	2		5	223	1	2	120	65	200	625 43	1.652 05	Pompton Plains, "
Pompton	John N. Jansen	80	2	3	7		5	139	6	2	25	15	140	414 20	1,224 79	Pompton, "
Ponds	A. Vandewater	60	4		2		1	41	4			25	50	37	575	Pompton, "
Preakness	Solomon T. Cole	46	6		5		1	58	3	1			60	89 28	1.037 50	Paterson, "
Stone House Plains	Benjamin T. Statesir	60			5		2	102	8		30	3	60	79 50	1,208 16	Bloomfield, "
First Church, Totowa	John Steele, (s. c.)	120	9	6	9		2	177	8	2	70	15	100	485 36	2.000	Paterson, "
Wyckoff	Samuel T. Searle	105	1	2	1		5	121	13		30	20	60	170 48	1,875 50	Godwinville, "
	Total	933	187	38	47		25	1649	53	54	383	424	1246	$2,386 68	$16,702 93	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. James Demarest, Belville, N. J. Rev. Abram G. Byerson, Paterson, N. J. Rev. John C. Cruikshank, Little Falls, N. J.

*Revised list, eighty-one not found.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: On Confession (Rec'd)	On Certificate (Rec'd)	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Harlingen	John Gardner.	160	16	4	12	...	1	252	9	2	80	....	250	$468	$1,328 24	Harlingen, N. J.
Readington	J. H. Smock	200	11	7	6	...	9	280	12	1	...	..		490 80	1,659 52	Readington, "
Ne Shanic	G. Ludlow	162	6	5	...	...	...	275	12	..	60	50	175	1,032 23	3,800	Ne-Shanic. "
First Philadelphia.	Thos X. Orr	170	11	5	10	...	3	235	...	4	.	25	260	2,073 97	4,799 85	Cor 7th & Spring Garden,
Second "	I. S. Hartley.	206	1	9	17	..	2	208	4	...	....	48	373	2,457 69	5,814 98	7th st. above Brown,
Third "	Chas. Wadsworth.	185	..	5	3	...	1	206	4	...	105	290	85	1,150	10,340	1602 Arch street,
N. & S. Hampton	Vacant	115	18	5	10	..	3	228	...	6	....	...	100	462 94	1 561 16	
Blawenburgh.	W. B. Voorhees.	115	...	...	2	...	4	220	10	1	50	....	150	560	2,060	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Stanton.	H. Doolittle	70	4	2	7	...	2	*140	8	1	60	..	90	158 45	... .	Stanton, "
Manayunk	P. Stryker Talmage, (s.c)	60	22	12	7	...	4	138	7	4	....	30	120	140	2 039	Manayunk, Phil., Pa.
Rocky Hill	Oscar Gesner	90	2	5	1	..	3	118	10	...	..	..	95	269 68	1,441 23	Rocky Hill, "
Clover Hill	Vacant	†75	31	3	4	..	1	106	3	11	25	40	85	120	1,500	Clover Hill, "
Addisville	Vacant	85	6	6	5	...	...	159	5	3	....	130	141	588 89	2,043 94	Richboro, "
		1643	128	70	84	...	33	2550	84	33	380	610	1924	$9,971 25	$37,912 92	

Ministers without Charge—J. V. N. Talmage, Missionary, Amoy, China. G. P. Gramm, Phila.

*Last year's report. †Corrected list.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRES
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction		Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson	190	11	10	9	..	5	411	5	1	193	350	233	$2,059 24	.....	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	C. S. Hageman (s. c.)	130	10	7	2	...	1	262	8	7	90	90	120	4,097 80	$3,132 70	" "
Fishkill	P. E. Kipp	85	5	2	1	...	4	150	1	2	94	12	65	359 86	2,118	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	O. E. Cobb	130	3	...	12	.	9	268	3	1	50	70	130	570 70	1,800	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	H. Ward	115	1	3	3	...	4	148	3	..	50	60	175	424 34	1,150	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	G. Talmage	135	8	1	3	1	8	288	2	2	106	86	70	728 70	2,639 18	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	C. W. Fritts	100	4	4	4	...	...	181	3	1	...	200	150	600	2,465	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	H. Dater	80	7	4	3	...	4	169	3	1	...	60	55	151 34	1,400	Hyde Park, "
Glenham	A. N. Wyckoff	45	4	...	4	...	2	61	2	1	40	55	55	330 17	1,300	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Vacant	....	...	..	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	....	...	.....	.....	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	H. N. Cobb A. P. Stockwell*	107	10	4	7	1	1	102	3	2	...	22	150	443 81	18,371 97	Washington P. O. " " Hollow "
	Total	1117	63	35	48	2	38	2040	34	18	623	1005	1203	$9,765 96	$34,376 85	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. H. Vedder, Mount Ross. Rev. C. Van Cleef, Poughkeepsie. Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill. Rev. Wm. A. Cornell, Poughke
Rev. C. D. Rice, Poughkeepsie. Rev. Harrison Heermance, Rhinebeck.

* In charge of Bloomvale Chapel.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
First Raritan	Abraham Messler	200	11	15	3	...	6	508	14	1	100	.		$2,561 72	$2,842 72	Somerville,	N. J.
Bedminster	Charles H. Pool	121	14	4	8	2	3	284	9	4	60	30	210	1,258 65	1,621 49	Pluckamin,	"
Lebanon	Wm. Van Benschoten	1'0	6	12	8	...	5	212	10	1	....	100	150	194	3,650	Lebanon,	"
Rockaway	Wm. Bailey	95	13	6	5	1	4	199	8	1		....	150	228	1,160	White House,	"
North Branch	P. M. Doolittle	123	3	12	8	...	5	174	9	1	75	16	100	586 96	2,166	North Branch,	"
Second Raritan	J. F. Mesick, (s. c.)	175	24	17	16	...	3	387	9	5	....	46	275	546 25	4,195	Somerville,	"
Peapack	H P. Thompson	115	11	6	7	..1	2	222	11	6	60	75	125	188	1,540	Peapack,	"
Branchville	Wm. Pitcher	105	8	2	9	...	1	194	6	...	....	....	170	346 38	....	South Branch,	"
Third Raritan	James LeFevre	123	14	9	11	...	1	271	10	3	100	100	160	800	2,077	Raritan,	"
Easton	C. H Edgar	46	6	12	2	...	2	94	4	2	75	....	135	2,570	2,852	Easton,	Pa.
Warren	Vacant	46	14	...	4	...	..	75	14	...	....	19	80	49 57	.....	Warrenville,	N. J.
Plainfield	Vacant	64	12	...	3	...	...	51	10	...	19	....	56	106	391	Plainfield,	"
Central Plainfield	N. E Smith	112	5	31	6	...	3	137	11	2	....	....	146	350	5,384 92	Plainfield,	"
Pottersville	Vacant	54	7	1	2	...	...	87	4	3	...	40	60	100	920	Pottersville,	"
High Bridge	Vacant	52	3	3	...	...	...	....	1	...	...	....	30	....	.....	High Bridge,	"
Clinton Station	J. A. Van Doren	40	1	1	...	...	...	49	1	...	...	30	70	50	650	Clinton Station,	"
	Total	1581	152	131	92	4	35	2889	131	29	489	456	1917	$9,874 35	$29,400 13		

Ministers without Charge—Rev. John Vanderveer, D.D., Easton, Pa. Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, D.D., New Baltimore, N. Y. Rev. William Cornell, Somerville, N. J. Rev. Robert Van Amburg, Lebanon, N. J. Rev. John Simonson, Plainfield, N. J. Rev. H. F. Schnellendreussler, Plainfield, N. J.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Blooming Grove	Wilson Ingalls	70	6	1	.	...	1	83	5	5	....	45	65	$ 55 55	$1,324 05	Blooming Grove, N. Y.
Castleton	George A. Mills	125	26	1	4	...	4	200	5	8	...		150	450 35	1,849 95	Castleton, "
Chatham	Jas. B. Campbell	180	16	10	1	...	1	168	..	5	....	50	150	150	3,560	Chatham Village, "
First Ghent	John B. Drury	60	3	5	...	..	.	79	2	...	30	50	70	105	2,900	Ghent, "
Second Ghent	Elbert N Sebring	125	5	5	1	.	5	128	12	1	...	20	80	200	1,640	Hudson, "
Greenbush	William Anderson*	168	...	..	...	..	...		...	...	....			389 15		
Kinderhook	Edward A. Collier	200	10	5	8	...	8	330	...	2	72	155	200	1,254 17	9,028 03	Kinderhook, "
Nassau	Alfred H. Brush	150	3	3	3	...	3	320	2	2		70	140	518	2,207	Nassau, "
New Concord	J. H. Bevier, S. S.	30	3	...	..	...	2	51	...	...	12	26	35	106 54	410	New Concord, "
Schodack	A. B. Peffers	125	36	4	1	..	4	158	5	10	.	40	175	83 30	1,350	Schodack Landing, "
Schodack Landing	Isaac L. Kip	76	9	4	...	...	2	84	3	2	40		60	222 67	2,114 90	Schodack Landing, "
Stuyvesant	Elbert Nevius, (s. o.)	130	38	12	8	...	2	150	2	16	....		92	586 63	1,484 32	Stuyvesant, "
Stuyvesant Falls	Vacant	50	...	...	1	...	...	58	1	...	30	20	45	45	1,063	Stuyvesant Falls, "
	Total	1439	155	50	27	...	32	1804	37	51	184	476	1262	$4,111 36	$28,931 25	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. C. S. Mead, Chatham Village. Rev. B. F. Snyder, Creek Locks. Rev. E. L. Heermance, New Haven, Conn.

* Report of last year.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRES
West Troy	Vacant*	112	...	...	...	...	...	271	...	...	...		100	$725 35	$2,600	West Troy, N. Y
South West Troy	S. W. Strong	107	14	10	...	...	1	209	16	8		145	126	569 66	3,367 39	West Troy, "
Wynantskill	J. S. L. Tomb	54	1	...	1	...	...	82	...	1	28	28	70	75	1,187 25	Wynantskill, "
Boght	Vacant	44	8	...	2	...	2	52	1	1	...	12	35	66 25	500	Cohoes. "
Rensselaer	Vacant	20	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cohoes, "
Waterford	Vacant	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	Waterford, "
Cohoes	C. N. Waldron, (s.c.)	170	16	7	7	...	9	301	8	4	...	90	220	821 20	3,300	Cohoes, "
Union Village	A. S. Hoyt	60	...	4	1	...	4	90	...	...		10	40	199 44	1,200	Greenwich, "
Saratoga	I. H. Collier	115	7	3	3	...	2	150	2	2	100	50	100	343	9,245 40	Schuylerville, "
Buskirks	P. Furbeck	50	...	2	2	...	1	75	...	...	...	30	35	75	1,000	Buskirk's Bridge, "
Easton	Vacant	35	...	...	...	...	...	48	...	...	...			...	...	Easton, "
Schaghticoke	J. P. Viele	47	2	3	...	...	1	88	...	...	...	30	65	210	1,110	Schaghticoke, "
Northumberland	C. D. Kellogg.	97	7	...	...	...	1	97	8	4	...	25	45	391 27	2,140	Bacon Hill. "
Gansevoort	Vacant	46	...	...	...	...	...	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Gansevoort, "
Fort Miller	Vacant†	76	3	...	2	...	...	58	...	...	...	10	30	265	957	Fort Miller, "
Jackson		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	
	Total	1068	53	29	18	...	21	1566	35	15	128	425	846	$3,741 17	$19,607 04	

Ministers without Charge—O. H. Gregory, West Troy; J. S. Wyckoff, Wood Haven, Queens Co., N. Y.; H. A. Raymond, Schenectady; A. G. Cochran, G
ville; John Smith, Greenbush; Charles Rockwell.

* Rev. A. J. Hutton, Pastor elect.

† Supplied by Rev. C. D. Kellogg.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Schoharie	Vacant	108	1	3	4	...	3	119	...	1	14	...	105	$157 67	$1,429 50	Schoharie, N. Y.
Middleburgh	S. W Roe*	82	..	...	3	...	.	131	1	.	...	35	27	155 81	...	Middleburgh, "
Gallupville	E. Vedder, (s. c)	74	...	1	1	..	3	127	...	...	35	110	100	74 89	1,343	Gallupville, "
Berne	E. Miller	60	...	...	2	...	2	158	1	...	25	25	40	163	425	Berne, "
Beaver Dam	E. Miller	54	.	...	2	...	1	82	1	...	30	25	50	34 86	285	Berne, "
Lawyersville	J. H. Van Woert*	65	2	1	.	...	1	62	...	...	...	30	60	100	450	Lawyersville, "
Schoharie Mt.	J. H. Van Woert*	45	2	2	...	...	2	23	...	1		..	..	15	... ...	Lawyersville, "
Sharon	T. L. Shafer†	60	1	...	...	...	1	87	...	.	....	23	36	85	300	Sharon Centre, "
North Bleinheim	W. L. James†	30	...	...	...	...	...	32	...	...	....	12	40	4 49	... ...	North Bleinheim, "
Breakabin	W. L. James†															
Gilboa	Wm. S. Moore	85	2	3	3	...	1	118	...	...	30	25	50	67 10	1,137 61	Gilboa.
Eminence	Vacant															
	Total	668	8	10	15	...	14	934	3	2	124	285	558	$807 82	$5,870 11	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. John S. Lott, 38 East Kinney street, Newark, N. J. Rev. J. M. Scribner, Middleburgh, Schoharie county, N. Y.

*Stated supply. †Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C & E. C. Number of Catechumens	C & E. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Blue Mountain	Vacant	80	..	4	2	...	1	136	6	...	...	..	95	$ 63 27	$ 566	Saugerties N. Y.
Caatsban	N. F Chapman, (s. c)	75	1	...	2	...	2	148	6	...	3	70	40	150	926	Saugerties, "
Esopus	J. N. Voorhees	100	7	1	2	...	3	47	5	3	14	125	110	80	..	Ulster Park, "
Flatbush	Wm. B Merritt	115	35	15	9	...	4	232	13	4	36	40	225	263 19	6,210 28	Glasco, "
Kingston	D. N. Vanderveer	214	17	1	9	...	8	401	3		20	30	311	1,437 55	4,696 57	Kingston, "
North Esopus	A. M. Arcularius	84	5	3	2	..	2	127	6	2		153	122	412 33	1,987 17	Port Ewen, "
Plattekill	M. L. Schenck	147	11	13	4	...	3	261	16	5	165	50	100	182 13	1,428 70	Glasco, "
Saugerties	S. H. Cobb	144	15	4	6	2	2	226	22		12	200	175	4,750 55	4 234 32	Saugerties, "
Shokan	Jno. W. Hammond	85	2		1	..	2	135	2	...		60	60	.....	.....	Shokan, "
Shandaken	do	35	12	...	3	...	1	42	...	8	28	30	70	.....	3,440 68	West Hurley, "
West Hurley	C. Blauvelt	65	14	6	3	...	..	119	7	3		25	80	21 35	2,170	Kingston, "
Woodstock	J. C F Hoes, S. S.	57	3	2	12	...	1	85	8	.	..	35	110	53 60	.....	Kingston, "
Wiltwyck	Vacant	34	2	6	..	...	1	53	4	1				.....	.....	
	Total	1233	124	56	55	2	30	2012	108	40	456	663	1508	$7,418 97	$25,679 72	

Ministers without Charge.—Henry Ostrander, D.D., Saugerties, N. Y.; Wm. A. Shaw, Kingston, N. Y.; John A. Davis, Missionary to China, now i
ry because of ill health, 34 Vesey street, N. Y.
Wesley Taylor, suspended.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction		Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Bronxville	Washington Roosevelt	50	2	1	...	...	2	57	...	...	....	80	70	$191 44	...	
Cortlandtown	John Garretson	48	...	...	1	...	1	40	5	...		....		33 58	$444 57	Montrose, N
Fordham	William Brush	55	2	2	...	...	.	64	2	...	30	30	62	200	8,180	Fordham, "
Greenburg*	Vacant	30	.	3	1	...	...	30	..	...	.	12	20	.....	...	Neperan, "
Greenville	John H. Pitcher	32	1	4	1	..	2	68	...	1	12	10	40	68 18	1,890 80	Scarsdale, "
Hastings	Thos. R. G. Peck	101	9	10	6	...	1	143	..	3	..	280	170	1,086 99	3,237 50	Hastings-on-Hudson, "
Melrose	G. Windemuth	52	4	..	3	..	2	96	6	...	18	27	85	.. .	...	Morrisania, "
Mount Vernon	Mancius H. Hutton, (s.c)	78	1	9	12	...	...	124	14	...	88	188	109	363 60	7,933 54	Mount Vernon, "
Peekskill	J. Searle*	56	3	...	1	..	2	100	..	2	126	96	66	183 24	1,446 58	Peekskill, "
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	110	9	16	1	...	4	226	7	...	150	170	120	873	3,200	Tarrytown, "
Tarrytown, Second	John A. Todd	100	7	15	10	...	6	298	3	...	...		105	1,684 25	4,211 45	Tarrytown, "
Unionville*	Vacant	55	1	2	5	...	3	53	...	...	15	15	30	81 52	800	Neperan, "
West Farms	Evert Van Slyke	72	3	2	1	...	1	80	3	1	.	100	80	200	1,884 78	West Farms, "
White Plains	Victor M. Hulbert	57	2	3	3	...	1	78	6	1	25	30	35	.. ...	...	White Plains, "
Yonkers	David Cole	129	27	5	8	4	9	213	13	8	302	198	192	3,563 71	8648 15	Yonkers, "
	Total	1025	71	72	53	4	34	1665	59	16	766	1131	1181	$8,428 46	$41,377 48	

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction		Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Alto	J. H. Karsten	107	8	..	2	...	4	192	32	...	175	....	....	$496 16	$1,685 30	Waupun,
Bethlehem	Vacant	12	1	...	...	...	...	29	4	...	38	...	120	65	51	Bethlehem, Milwaukee Co.,
Chicago	B. de Bey	148	15	10	5	7	1	232	43	...	152	....	....	600	3 500	Chicago,
Danforth	Vacant	†12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	..	.....	.....	Danforth, Iroquois Co.,
Eden	Vacant	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	.....	.....	Empire,
Franklin	Vacant	24	2	...	9	...	...	50	5	...	25	...	..	148	252	Franklin Milwaukee Co.,
Forreston	Vacant	55	..	...	1	...	2	31	21	...			....	.....	167	Forreston,
Fulton	John W. D. Meulen	46	7	.	.	..	5	43	16	...	55	.		156	1,118	Fulton,
Gibbsville	J. W. Dunnewold	70	24	4	8	1	1	140	19	...	140	....	120	300	1,137	Gibbsville, Sheboygan Co.,
Greenleaf (York'n)	P. Lepeltak	65	14	2	.	1	1	82	19	...	105	....		122	607	Forrestville, Filmore Co.,
Holland (Wis.)	H. Stobbelaar	77	8	3	1	..	7	188	28	...	80	...	120	530 41	719	Cedar Gr., Sheboygan Co.,
Hooge Prairie	H. R. Koopman	90	8	9	4	...	1	146	31	...	130	....	....	719 87	1,245	Calumet, Cook Co.,
Holland (Neb.)	Vacant	43	...	6	...	...	1	39	..	...	30	...	....	50	.....	So. Pass, Lancaster Co.,
Milwaukee	A. Zwemer (s.c)	68	7	6	...	1	..	136	7	..	130	..	135	290	1,097	Milwaukee,
Oostburg	J. W. te Winkel	42	5	4	10	...	4	100	9	...	82	....	...	244 86	650	Oostburg, Sheboygan Co.,
Peoria	Vacant	....	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	....	...	...	.....	.....	Peoria.
P. P. & W. Rock	Vacant	....	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	.....	.....	Paine's Pt. & W. Rk., Ogle Co
Sheboygan Falls	Vacant	..	..	..	..	..	...	....	..	...		...	....	.....	.....	Sheboygan Fls., S'gn Co.,
So. Holland (Ill.)*	Vacant	76	1	3	3	...	..	135	19	...	87	....	...	336	1,296 30	South Holland, Cook Co.,
Silver Creek	John Muller	118	11	4	3	...	2	118	31	...	50	..	...	365	1,005	Freeport,
	Total	1053	111	51	46	10	29	1661	284	...	1279	...	505	$4,423 30	$14,530 48	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. Chas. Wilson, Missionary, Two Rivers, Wis. Rev. K. Van der Schuur, Sheboygan Falls, Wis. Rev. H. G. Klyn, Mo
Jasper Co., Iowa.

* Formerly Low Prairie; North Creek has become extinct. † Last year's report.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA FOR THE YEAR 1871.

CLASSES.	Churches	Ministers	Candidates	Number of Families	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd By Certificate	Now in Communion.	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	No. of Catechumens	No. in Biblical Instruction	Total No. of S. S. Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes	STATED CLERKS.
Classis of Albany	17	18	..	1533	195	59	2862	121	60	959	1816	2192	$30,957 14	$42,611 27	Rev. J. Lansing Pearse.
Classis of Arcot	19	19	..	568	106	91	660	82	81	397	.. ..	720	1,488	40	" Ezekiel C. Scudder.
Classis of Bergen	13	16	1	1114	79	57	1455	146	12	1028	708	2405	4.681 76	11,204 41	" William R. Gordon.
South Classis of Bergen	18	21	..	1942	157	192	2908	154	28	2303	2648	3352	32 184 39	33 989 04	" Wm. Rankin Duryee.
Classis of Cayuga	12	10	..	742	114	31	949	52	43	791	819	821	2,936 21	18,111 39	" Martin L. Berger
Classis of Grand River	8	8	..	944	127	86	1145	306	1	832	.. ..	1046	3.582	25,756	" A. Kriekaard.
Classis of Geneva	19	14	..	968	95	99	1811	112	12	563	485	882	3,568 59	30,259 50	" John Whitbeck
Classis of Greene	10	11	..	633	54	14	778	29	21	215	405	785	2,298 81	13,226 36	" Francis A. Horton.
Classis of Holland	14	14	..	975	91	82	1737	271	1	1328	....	842	5 940 21	16,256 16	" E. C. Oggel.
Classis of Hudson	10	14	..	1142	89	85	1589	58	18	503	542	1192	5,588 39	16.523 77	" Edwin Holmes.
Classis of Illinois	15	19	..	990	130	58	1364	185	12	753	979	1456	3,723 57	28,596 96	" J. S. Joralmon.
Classis of Kingston	13	10	..	1434	120	62	2046	124	31	525	748	1523	4,558 59	14,391 25	" Philip Peltz.
North Classis of Long Island	16	19	1	2014	228	123	2860	233	46	2236	2893	2270	4.040 89	50 125 76	" William H Ten Eyck.
South Classis of Long Island	14	18	..	1829	228	123	3447	186	57	1559	1955	3176	46,654 13	73,908 45	" Maurice G. Hansen.
Classis of Michigan	9	9	..	405	35	25	582	18	12	142	485	737	927 82	7.138 32	" J. W. Beardslee.
Classis of Monmouth	8	10	..	614	45	29	1015	40	16	425	377	697	1,723 43	14.419 83	" James Bolton.
Classis of Montgomery	23	19	..	1516	97	43	1466	45	28	145	400	1331	2,036 89	30,444 91	" A J. Hagaman.
Classis of New Brunswick	10	21	3	1058	127	91	2023	69	24	674	705	1440	11,182 79	28 084 71	" R. H Steele.
Classis of New York	17	33	..	2370	268	166	4959	237	37	1249	1319	5180	51 681 68	43.296 46	" William H Clark.
South Classis of New York	6	9	1	523	92	20	1165	167	14	604	156	1189	3.435 64	17 838	" S. H Meeker.
Classis of Orange	23	26	..	2037	187	97	3245	183	52	535	805	1949	33,665 16	29,697 54	" Edward W Bentley.
Classis of Paramus	13	21	1	1716	79	65	2612	141	21	1194	1104	2076	6,576 54	32,872 43	" J. Paschal Strong.
Classis of Passaic	13	16	..	933	157	38	1649	53	54	353	424	1246	2,386 68	16,702 98	" John Steele.
Classis of Philadelphia	13	11	..	1643	128	70	2550	84	33	380	610	1924	9,971 25	37,912 92	" P. Stryker Talmage.
Classis of Poughkeepsie	11	17		1117	63	35	2040	34	18	623	1005	1206	9 765 96	34.376 85	" Charles S Hageman.
Classis of Raritan	16	18		1581	152	181	2889	131	29	489	456	1917	9 874 35	29,400 18	" John F. Mesick.
Classis of Rensselaer	13	15		1439	155	50	1804	37	51	184	476	1262	4.111 36	28,931 25	" Elbert Nevius.
Classis of Saratoga	16	15		1068	53	29	1566	35	15	123	425	846	3.741 17	19,607 04	" Charles N. Waldron.
Classis of Schenectady	12	14	..	1495	63	40	2035	45	24	580	1124	1708	1.783	19 096	" John A. DeBaun.
Classis of Schoharie	12	10		663	8	10	934	8	2	124	285	553	807 82	5.370 11	" Edwin Vedder.
Classis of Ulster	13	15	..	1233	124	56	2012	108	40	456	663	1508	7,418 97	25,679 72	" N. F. Chapman.
Classis of Westchester	15	15	2	1025	71	72	1665	59	16	766	1131	1181	8,428 46	41,377 48	" Mancius H. Hutton.
Classis of Wisconsin	20	13		1053	111	51	1661	284	...	1279	.... ..	505	4,423 30	14,580 48	" Adrian Zwemer.
	467	510	9	40267	3863	2223	63483	3977	909	24397	25948	51169	$326,089 95	$901,617 43	

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully reports,

That they have examined the Acts and Proceedings of the last General Synod, and the Minutes of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick. Your Committee do not find anything in the Minutes of General Synod to which it is needful for them to call attention.

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New York, on pages 46 and 47, is a report of the Rev. Isaac Riley, one of the Deputati Synodi who attended a meeting of the Classis of Westchester, on the 13th of June, 1870, which seems to demand the attention of this General Synod—

1st. Because the subject matter of it is referred to this Synod by the Particular Synod in a paper appended to the Reports of the Deputatus, see page 42 of its Minutes.

2d Because it represents that the action of Classis was in violation of the Constitution, of which the Particular Synod it seems took no further notice than to make the above reference, and to approve the conduct of the Deputatus.

Your Committee also found in the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New York, on page 48, a report of the Rev'd John McCelland Holmes, in which he states that he objected to the action of the Classis of Poughkeepsie on constitutional grounds. His objections were overruled. The Particular Synod, as in the former case, approved the action of the Deputatus, but it does not appear that they took any further notice of the case.

We think that both of these cases should receive the speci a attention of General Synod, and we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New York is to be commended in referring to this General Synod the paper appended

ing the conduct of both the Deputati.

Resolved, That the Particular Synod be and hereby is censured for neglect of duty in suffering so serious a violation of the Constitution, by two of the Classes within its jurisdiction, to pass without rebuke.

Resolved, That the Particular Synod be directed hereafter to require all the Classes within its bounds to conduct all examinations according to the requirements of the Constitution.

Your Committee also find in the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Chicago, page 111, the report of the Rev. C. Van Der Meulen, Deputatus Synodi, which does not state whether the examination was according to the requirements of the Constitution, nor whether it was satisfactorily sustained. It does not appear that the Synod took any notice of the matter. Your Committee recommends that the attention of the Synod of Chicago be directed to the necessity of requiring the Deputati to conform their reports to the requirements of the Constitution.

The Minutes of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick do not contain any reports of the Deputati Synodi, although it appears that the Classes have acted where their presence was required. The report of the Classis of Paramus shows that the Rev. George Magie and the Rev. Henry Mattice, have both been received from the Presbyterian Church by this Classis, and the report of the Classis of Passaic, shows that the Rev. L. H. Van Doren has also been received from the Presbyterian Church by this Classis. There is nothing to show that the constitutional requirements in such cases have been complied with, nor that the Particular Synod inquired into the matter.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the attention of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick be called to this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. TEN EYCK, *Chairman.*

which was accepted.

The Committee on Overtures would respectfully report, that the following documents were referred to them, viz:

1st. A paper on License and Dispensation presented to the Particular Synod of New York, at its last session, by one of its officers Mr. Isaac Riley, Deputatus Synodi, and referred by said body to General Synod for such action as its wisdom may suggest.

2. A communication from the South Classis of Bergen, containing a resolution recommending Mr. Wm. Smith to General Synod for a dispensation from the regular Seminary course.

3d. The application of Madison M. Ball, for a dispensation from the remaining years of his college course.

4. An overture from the Classis of Passaic, proposing the addition of a column to the statistical Table to embrace the salaries of ministers.

5. A communication from the Classis of Wisconsin, with reference to synodical action on the subject of Freemasonry.

1st. The paper on License and Dispensation referred to General Synod, by the Particular Synod of New York, demands the most serious consideration and careful action of this body.

These subjects always furnishing matter for discussion, have of late, because of their direct bearing on the development of our Church, and the general interests of the Master's kingdom, excited more than usual attention.

The Great Head of the Church, in answer to the petition put by Himself into our mouths, "Pray ye the lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest," is pressing on the minds and hearts of not a few in our Churches the duty of consecrating themselves to the work of the ministry. By His providence and by His spirit he says to them, "Go preach my Gospel," and with hearts filled with love for souls, and constrained by the love of Christ, they present themselves to our Classes, and in the language of the apostle declare, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel," license us to go forth in our Master's name to win souls to him. In reply to their earnest appeals, they are informed that their requests cannot be granted, if they have not complied with the constitution-

and the petitioners themselves see at once to be impracticable.

Or Classis, impressed with the sincerity and zeal of the per or persons making said requests, and knowing full well the c stant and increasing demand made for laborers to enter the fi and gather the rich harvest, are constrained to acknowledge hand of the Lord in the matter; and rather than violate the C stitution themselves, they send these cases to General Synod fo dispensation, which if Synod grant, as it has often done, it will once again to assume authority not delegated to it by the Consti tion of our Church.

In the paper before us, the constitutional law and the pract of Synod on these subjects are fully presented; which paper, w permission of Synod, your Committee desire to incorporate this report, that it may be printed.

LICENSE AND DISPENSATIONS.

The Articles of the Constitution which refer to LICENSE, are follows: Chap. 1, Art. 1, Sec. 2 and 3.

"Every person contemplating the work of the Ministry, bef he commences his course of Theological studies, shall furn satisfactory evidence of his being a member in full communion a in good standing of a Reformed Protestant Church; of his pie abilities and literary attainments, and thereupon shall be admitt into one of the Theological Schools, and during the prosecution his studies there, shall be subject to the rules and regulations the of, and when he shall have completed the prescribed term a course of Theological studies, shall be admitted to an examinati according to the regulations of the schools, as established by Ge eral Synod, and if found qualified, shall receive a professorial c tificate to that effect, which shall entitle him to an examination licensure before the Classis to which he belongs" See also A 3 of "Plan of Theological Schools," adopted 1812, reprint Vol. p. 433; and Minutes of 1815, p. 12.

Section 3d. Tells what the subjects are, concerning which exa ination is to be made.

From this it appears, 1st, that no one can become a licentiate

power of licensing resides in Classis alone; Chap. 2, Art. 3. Sec. 3 says it is the "peculiar prerogative" of Classis. In the "Explanatory Articles" of the old Constitution, Art. 39 declares that "among the proper powers of Classis, that of examining Students of Theology, for their becoming candidates for the Ministry, is very important. This power, (which for certain reasons has hitherto been exercised only by the Synod) shall agreeably to the government and discipline of the Church, for the future be also exercised by the respective Classes."

But the new Constitution does not recognize this power of examining candidates for licensure as belonging to either Particular or General Synod.

But to return: It appears, 3d, that no one can become a licentiate or be examined by Classis without a Professorial Certificate; 4th, that this certificate can be granted only to those who have completed the prescribed course and term of Theological studies, and 5th, that this study must be in one of the Schools of the Church.

The aim of the Constitution and the custom of the Church is to foster in this way our own schools, as is definitely expressed by General Synod, Minutes of 1809, p 388, reprint, see Minutes 1815, p. 18. And the Constitution does not recognize any one as a possible candidate for license, unless he be a member of a Reformed Protestant Church, and has been thus trained for his office in our own Schools.

In addition to this, Chap. 2, Art. 3, Sec. 3, requires that every student of Theology when prepared shall apply for license; Sec. 4, requires the presence of one or two Deputati Synodi.

In the case of persons licensed by other ecclesiastical bodies, the Constitution, Appendix, 2, Art. 3, requires that they shall have spent the "same amount of time in actual attendance on Theological instruction that is required from our own students, and any deficiency in this respect shall be made up by study in our own Seminary."

All these are matters of definite ordinance in the Constitution; and that can be changed according to Chap. 4, Art. 4, Sec. 15, only

by recommendation of General Synod and the consent of the Classes.

The strict construction of the Constitution, therefore forbids all dispensations to candidates for license from any source whatever, and shuts up the increase of the number of Ministers to one source, our Theological Seminaries, except as it is increased by the coming to us of persons licensed or ordained by other bodies.

Next as regards DISPENSATIONS, releasing from the requirements of the Constitution. The power of granting them is recognized by the Constitution, as residing only in the General Synod, and then only in *specified* cases.

First, in the case of Classes in Mission fields, when it is impracticable to comply with all the requirements of the Constitution, Chap. 2, Art. 3, Sec. 11. Second, when "any candidate or minister, applying for admission into any Classis, shall, in the judgment of Classis have sought and obtained licensure or ordination from any ecclesiastical organization for the sake of an easier admission into our Church, than upon the strict terms enjoined upon our own students at New Brunswick, it shall be considered a disqualification, to be removed only by a dispensation from the General Synod, App. 2, 2.

But the power of granting dispensations in favor of those whose preparation has not been in accordance with the rules of the Constitution, is no where acknowledged.

As to the HISTORY of the custom of examining candidates and granting dispensations, it appears from the Minutes of "the Convention of Ministers and Elders at New York," Oct. 1771, reprint p. 14, Plan of Union, Art 3d, that the examination of students was put in the charge of the "General Assembly."

Oct. 1772, p. 30, General Synod appointed Dr Hardenberg, and Dr. Livingston to examine Mr. Voorhees. Mr. Voorhees was licensed by General Synod, (p. 31). The same action or the "admission to the proclamation of the Gospel," was taken in the cases of other persons in every session until 1793. At that time (p. 253) appear reports from Classes of the number of persons which they had examined and ordained.

In 1774, p. 51, "The Ministers of the Particular Body of Kingston," were directed to install Mr. Van Neste. "The Rev. Presi-

appointed to install Mr. Froeligh."

In 1780, p. 83, "The Rev. Body, though greatly disinclined to do anything contrary to the fundamental articles, by which the preparatory examination is made the business solely of the General Body," yet for certain weighty reasons authorized "the Rev. Body of Hackensack to perform the examination" of Mr. Blauveld.

This "the Rev. Particular Body of Hackensack" did; and at the next meeting of General Synod, 1781, that Rev. Body adopted the action of their own work.

In 1788, p. 179, Synod required that each Classis should nominate two or more of its members a committee to examine those who desire to begin their Theological studies.

1792, p. 237, The Classis of Albany informed General Synod that they had received as a minister in the Reformed Church Rev. Mr. Paige, formerly a Congregational minister. The act was approved by General Synod.

Further it appears from explanatory article 3, of the old Constitution, adopted 1792, that every candidate must present, 1st, a Diploma from some college or academy; 2d, a Certificate that he has been for two years a member of a Reformed Church; and 3d, a testimonial under the hand and seal of a Professor of Theology, declaring such student to have studied Theology with him (or with some person expressly authorized for that purpose by General Synod,) for the space of at least two years, and recommending said student as well qualified for becoming a candidate for the Holy Ministry. See also Report on Professorate, Minutes 1784, Vol. 1, p. 125. Here it appears that even before the complete establishment of our Schools, this Professorial Certificate was required, and the candidate was obliged to go through the regular course of study.

In 1786, Vol. 1. p. 147. General Synod recommended students to pursue their studies with the Professor or Lector, "unless circumstances in particular cases should render it impracticable, of which the Classis to which such students belong shall judge,"

But in 1790, p. 206, "General Synod decide for weighty reasons, that the power granted by a former resolution to the respective Classes to permit students to pursue their Theological Studies under

tain to the Rev. Body."

The Particular Synod, held in New York, 1796, Vol. 1, p. 456, in answer to a question from the Classis of New York, as to "whether or not they shall [in a particular case cited,] dispense with the qualifications [membership in a Dutch Reformed Church, and certificate from a Professor] required of candidates, by the Constitution;

Resolved: That it be given as the opinion of this Synod, that the power of dispensing with qualifications required of candidates for the ministry by the Constitution of the Church is vested in the General Synod."

The first DISPENSATION which appears in the Minutes is that which was granted to Peter Millspaugh, who was permitted to begin his Theological studies under the care of Rev. Moses Fröligh. The next was that which was granted to Mr. Devoe in 1806, page 357. General Synod consents in this instance to dispense with what may be found deficient in the preparatory studies of Mr. Devoe, and refers him to the Classis of Albany to examine and license him, or appoint a course of private studies.

The way in which this was done, shows that such cases were looked upon as rare exceptions which would not be allowed when the schools were established, and even then the final decision of the case was referred to the Classis of Albany.

On the same page (357) of the Minutes, is the record that dispensations were granted Messrs. Rowan and Cuyler, to prosecute their studies under other persons than the Professors, and yet that was with the express condition that they obtained certificates from one of the Theological Professors previous to examination.

Minutes of 1809, page 383. A Dispensation was granted Teunis Van Vechten, a student in Dr. Mason's Seminary, and he was permitted to bring a certificate from Dr. Mason, which should entitle him to be examined privately by the Professor of Theology, and if he were found qualified, a Professorial certificate was to be given to him.

In the Minutes of this year (1809), after some other dispensations, there is the Resolution "that these be granted, but that it be expressly understood that this is not to be construed into a pre-

cedent. As soon as the Superintendents of the Theological School shall give notice to General Synod, that the Professorate of Queens College is ready to receive students to Divinity Hall, such indulgences shall hereafter cease, with the exceptions provided for in the several acts organizing the Professorate"

In the Minutes of 1804, page 339, it appears that the object in requiring these certificates was to put five dollar fees into the hands of the otherwise poorly paid Professor of Hebrew.

This resolution contains one of the most definite statements ever made by General Synod, of the reasons which underlie the matter. The abiding intention is to foster our own Schools, and these were guarded zealously in order that the Church might have ministers properly trained under its own direction; and it furthermore appears that it was the intention of General Synod to refuse all such dispensations when the way was prepared by which candidates could enter the Ministry in that which appeared to be the only lawful manner, that is, through our own seminaries. And yet these dispensations have been granted at almost every meeting of the General Synod from that day to this.

In 1814, page 55, It appears that discretionary power was granted to the Classis of Ulster to decide whether or not a dispensation should be granted to Mr. J. H. Carle.

In 1815, page 18, The Board of Superintendents said in their "communication," "The practice of granting dispensations to Theological Students to prosecute their studies in other Seminaries, and then return for examination and licensure in our own Schools and Classes, is unprecedented, except in the Dutch Church, and, in its operation unquestionably tends to prevent the growth and prosperity of our School and the harmony of our Churches, and as far as the board is enabled to judge, can be attended with no possible advantages to the students or the Churches at large. They, therefore, recommend that in future no dispensations, on any account, be granted to any of our young men to prosecute their studies in other Seminaries and then return for examination in our School and licensure by our Classes." In accordance with this communication a resolution was passed that no dispensations should be granted hereafter, except those then under consideration, page 41.

The next year Synod granted five; though stating that "there

them; and the time has come when no more applications can consistently be received;" page 32.

In 1817, page 30, is a peculiar case of a candidate from Canada; the power of granting or withholding license was referred to the Classis of Albany. The same power was given to Classis in 1835, in the case of Mr. E. Doty.

In 1840, After having in past years granted over thirty dispen. sations and refused one, the General Synod refused to grant one to Mr. B. Collins, on the ground of the "Synod's enactments."

In 1841, This case of Mr. Collins was referred to the Board of Superintendents and Theological Faculty, and he was licensed. The same reference was made in 1846, p. 83.

In 1845, p. 469, It was resolved that any congregation desiring to settle a licentiate or ordained minister who had not fulfilled the requirements concerning the term of Theological study, "must through their Classis ask for a dispensation from the Synod, to allow them to accomplish their purpose." The next year this resolution was rescinded

In 1858, p. 349, Synod adopted the report of a committee in which they "gravely doubt the right of this Synod to delegate its authority to anybody, however trustworthy, to dispense with the requirements of the Constitution in admitting candidates to the Sacred Ministry." And, therefore, Synod declined to give the Classis of Arcot power to grant dispensations.

In 1869, p. 628, Synod spoke of the action of the North Classis of Long Island as "a fault," in that they proceeded to examine a candidate who had no Professorial Certificate nor a dispensation from Synod, and claimed that there is no substitute for the certificate, but in the Special Dispensation of Synod; and that Classis in their action "has assumed the prerogatives of Synod;" and that the action of Classis "should not pass into a precedent."

In 1868, p. 460, A request was made from the South Classis of Long Island, asking that Chap. 2, Art 3, Sec. 3, of the Constitution be amended so as to give to Classis "power to determine who shall be admitted to examination and license." The answer of Synod was that this proposition was contrary, not only to the

the wide-spread introduction into the Church of an evil which, even with synodical oversight and control, has assumed proportions well nigh dangerous. Instead of committing the matter of dispensations by constitutional authority to Classis, it is a serious question whether it is not necessary to restrict the synodicial exercise of this prerogative." The request was not granted.

In 1870, p. 94, Synod adopted a report which stated that the "requirements as to places and courses of study was deliberately and solemnly laid down. Upon this basis also, the Church has been called upon to endow our Theological Schools. The Constitution made no provision for, nor did it contemplate the granting of dispensations, therefore:

Resolved, That it is the duty of pastors to discourage such applications, and to urge upon those contemplating preparation for the work of the Ministry to enter our own institutions."

Three dispensations were granted at this meeting.

And finally, the objections that are constantly made to granting dispensations, even in the preambles of the resolutions in which they are granted; the opinion which some hold that dispensations are unconstitutional in all cases, the opinion which others hold, that General Synod has all the power in the case, while a third party hold and act on the ground, that the right belongs either wholly or in part to Classis; the evident failure in many cases of the strict requirement of the Constitution to build up our Schools, and the disastrous effect of these requirements in other cases, the general doubt as to the whole matter, and the growing disregard of custom, demands of the Church some immediate and careful settlement of the principles involved in this important matter.

All which is very respectfully submitted,

ISAAC RILEY, *Deputatus Synodi.*

It will be readily seen that under the old Constitution the power of license was exercised by Synod, while the new or present Constitution declares license to be "The peculiar prerogative of Classis," Chap. 2, Art. 3, Sec. 3, and as to Dispensation, under the old Constitution it was delegated to Synod, but under the

present, it is withheld, save in the case of "Foreign Missions," Chap. 2, Art. 3, Sec. 11.

Leaving the first, where the Constitution places it and it by right belongs, with the Classis, but in order to rectify the error committed with regard to the second, your Committee would suggest, that the following proposed amendment to the Constitution be sent to the Classes for their approval, that the Synod may have the constitutional right to grant Dispensations.

Resolved, That Sec. 11, Art. 3, Chap. 2, of the Constitution be amended, by striking out the words "Foreign missionary fields," and inserting the word *case*, so that it shall read, "*When in* the circumstances of the case it shall be impracticable," &c.

2. In the case of Wm. Smith, who is recommended by the South Classis of Bergen for a dispensation from the regular Seminary course that he may be examined for License, your Committee believing that the entire responsibility of admitting to the ministry rests with Classis, would recommend that this Synod grant the request of the South Classis of Bergen, but would urge upon them the greatest caution.

3. The application of Madison M. Ball, for a dispensation from the remaining years of his college course, coming as it does with the advice and approval of some of our most highly esteemed brethren, Professors in the College and Seminary, who are well acquainted with the facts in the case, your Committee do not hesitate to recommend that the dispensation asked for be granted.

4. The Overture from the Classis of Passaic. While your Committe deem it inexpedient to accede to the proposed Overture of adding a column to the Statistical Table, still recognizing the importance of the subject of ministerial support, and believing that the neglect of Consistories in this matter should not be allowed to pass unrebuked, your Committee would respectfully suggest the following:

Resolved, That the Classes be and hereby are requested by General Synod to give the subject of ministerial support that attention which the varying circumstances of their pastors suggest, and the importance of the subject demands.

5. As to the Communication from the Classis of Wisconsin with regard to the action of Synod on the subject of Free Masonry, your

Committee would say that in as much as Synod gave a deliverance on this subject last year, no further action is required.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHAS. I. SHEPARD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

A complaint of Mrs. Augusta C. McKinney against the action of the Particular Synod of New York, in reference to the dismissal of her complaint against the action of the Classis of Westchester, was received.

An appeal by Mrs. Augusta C. McKinney, from a decision of the Particular Synod of New York, was received.

The complaint and appeal with the accompanying papers were referred to the Committee on Judicial Business. The Committee on Judicial Business presented the following report which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Judicial Business respectfully report that they have had referred to them the documents in the case of Mrs. Augusta C. McKinney, who appeals from the decision of the Particular Synod of New York, given at its session in May last. Said appeal has been brought regularly before this Synod. All the constitutional steps have been taken. The documents in the hands of the Committee have been arranged, and they recommend that the General Synod proceed to try said appeal according to the prescribed order as laid down in the rules.

The order is as follows:

1. The sentence appealed from shall be read.

2. The appeal and reasons of appeal shall be read.

3. All the documents in the case shall be read, commencing with

1. The record of the Particular Synod of New York for 1871.

2. The record of the Particular Synod of New York of 1870.

3. The decision and findings of the Consistory of the Church of Peekskill.

The original parties shall be heard, commencing with

1. Rev. J. A. Todd, counsel for the Appellant.

2. Rev. David Cole, Commissioner of the Classis of Westchester.

3. Rev. John Forsyth, Commissioner of the Particular Synod of New York.

4. The Appellant shall be heard by her counsel in reply.

The Committee have also had referred to them a complaint of Mrs. Augusta C. McKinney against the action of the Particular Synod of New York, in reference to the dismissal of her complaint against the action of the Classis of Westchester.

In reference to this complaint, your Committee state, that Mrs. Augusta C. McKinney, not being a member of the Court against whose action she complains, cannot present to this Synod a complaint against the action of such Court, and on this ground they recommend that the complaint be dismissed. (Chap. 2, Art. 1st, Sec. 11).

J. N. JANSEN, *Chairman.*

Synod took up the appeal of Mrs. Augusta C. McKinney from the decision of the Particular Synod of New York.

The President reminded the members of the Synod that they were about to proceed to the consideration of Judicial Business.

Rev. David Cole was recognized as Commissioner from the Classis of Westchester.

Rev. John Forsyth was recognized as Commissioner from the Particular Synod of New York.

Rev. John A. Todd was recognized as counsel for the Appellant.

The case was considered in the following order:

1. The sentence appealed from was read.

2. The appeal and reasons for appeal were read.

3. The documents in the case were read.

4. The Appellant was heard by her counsel, Rev. John A. Todd.

5. The Classis of Westchester was heard by its Commissioner, Rev. David Cole.

6. The Particular Synod of New York was heard by its Commissioner, Rev. John Forsyth.

7. The Appellant was heard in reply by her Counsel, Rev. John A. Todd.

The parties having withdrawn the Synod proceeded to deliberate.

The roll was called, and the members expressed their opinions. It was *Resolved*, That this case be remitted to the Consistory of the Church of Peekskill for a new trial.

The ayes and nays having been demanded, the roll was called with the following result:

Ayes.—Joseph Scudder, John McC. Holmes, G. D. W. Bodine, R. B. Shepard, Philip Peltz, J. Hasbrouck, C. I. Shepard, E. S. Porter, J. D. Fowler, William Ferris, N. P. Pierce, J. M. Van Buren, Michael Bergen, D. McL. Quackenbush, James Anderson, S. B. Schieffelin, John B. Steele, Cyril Spaulding, N. C. Clark, Henry Dater, A. P. Stockwell, H. M. Voorhees, Robert H. Pruyn, M. L. Berger, James L. Southard, Adrian Westveer, J. C. Forsyth, J. W. Warnshuis, Peter Rapelye, I. S. Demund, J. K. Rhinehart, James Lewis, F. Elting, Gilbert Lane, F. V. Van Vranken, G. D. Consaul, B. M. Curtis, Edward A. Collier, John H. Bevier, Richard Graves, Jeremiah Link, Abm. Marshall, W. W. Letson, A. A. Bookstaver, F. N. Vischer, S. H. Cobb, E. Vedder, N. F. Chapman, W. L. James, C. Blauvelt, Cornelius C. Brink, John Kiersted, J. W. Beardslee, W. J. Skillman, Peter Moerdyk, H. E. Decker, G. H. Peeke, J. D. Post, E. M. Hoff, E. C. Oggel, H. Uiterwyck, P. Phelps, Jr., B. DeBey, A. Kriekaard, H. Losch, J. H. Suydam, W. J. R. Taylor, Henry Vehslage, Jr., Cornelius Brett, S. R. W. Heath, N. B. Lane, John Van Horn, Jr., James B. Wilson, Garret C. Schanck, John Dorrance, R. H. Steele, S. L. Mershon, A. V. Garretson, M. B. Smith, A. F. Todd, John N. Terhune, Garret J. Blauvelt, J. W. Ferdon, John N. Jansen, John Steele, J. V. N. Schenk, R. A. Van Houten, I. S. Hartley, C. H. Pool, W. Pitcher, J. Van Nest, Daniel Lewis.

G. S. Garretson, B. Van Zandt, A. H. Brush, N. D. Willis
A. McWilliam.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Votes of the Classes on amendments to the Constitution w
ceived, and together with the Reports received last year we
ferred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. G. D. W
dine, J. W. Beardslee, Elder Michael Bergen.

The Committee presented the following Report, whicl
accepted and adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Reports of Clas
reference to proposed changes of the Constitution in regard t
Constitution and powers of Particular Synods, p. 633 of the
utes of 1869, would report, as follows:

Reports have been received from thirty-one Classes.
Classes of Arcot and Ulster make no report.

The following Classes report in favor of both amendm
Greene, Rensselaer, Albany, Schoharie, Montgomery, Hu
Monmouth, Philadelphia, South New York, Raritan, Illinois
saic, Poughkeepsie, North Long Island, New York, Schene
Saratoga, Cayuga and South Bergen; nineteen in all.

The following Classes vote against both amendments: Kin
Grand River, Michigan, Orange, Geneva, Westchester, H
and Wisconsin; eight in all.

The following vote in favor of the first amendment, but a
the second: South Long Island and Paramus; two in all.

The following vote in favor of the second but against the
Bergen and New Brunswick; two in all.

In summing up the votes we find that both amendments ar
proved by twenty one Classes, and rejected by nine.

Your Committee recommend, in view of this large majori
favor of the amendments, that this Synod take necessary acti
complete them and have them incorporated into the Constituti

G. D. W. BODINE, *Chairman Co*

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution approved by the Classes be declared to be a part of the Constitution of the Church.

Resolutions proposing various amendments to the Constitution were presented, and referred to a special Committee consisting of Rev. M. S. Hutton, A. G. Vermilye, C. I. Shepard, Elders, James Anderson, John W. Ferdon.

The Committee presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on proposed amendments of the Constitution beg leave to report, that no less than four different amendments have been submitted to them.

1. To reduce the number of delegates to the General Synod, and to equalize the representation of the several Classes according to the number of Churches.

2. To dispense with the office of Deputatus.

3. That the duties of General Synod be transferred to the particular Synods and the General Synod be made a Standing Court of Appeal.

4. To give Classis entire jurisdiction in the matter of examining and licensing candidates for the Ministry.

There has also been submitted to your Committee, the question of some plan of nomination and election of Professors of Theology.

It will be at once seen that the proposed amendments contemplate a radical change in the principles and practices of the Church, and in as much as other important changes are spoken of as being required by the progress which the Church has made during the past forty years, your Committee feel that it will be impossible to give the subject the attention which it demands during the short period allowed them, have unanimously agreed to recommend the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That a Committee of 11 Ministers and 5 Elders, with power to fill vacancies, be appointed by the President (he not being confined in his selection to the present members of Synod) to revise the Constitution, and report to the General Synod of 1872.

ber of said Committee.

All which is respectfully submitted.

M. S. HUTTON, *Chairman.*

The following Committee on revision of the Constitution, wit power to fill vacancies, was appointed: Rev. M. S. Hutton, A. C Vermilye, D. D. Demarest, Philip Phelps, Jr., John McC. Holme Elders, Robert H. Pruyn, Jacob B. Jewett, James Anderson, Joh W. Ferdon, John Slosson, and Rev. W. J. R. Taylor *ex officio.*

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

The Committee on Hymnology presented a report on the sul ject of the Hymn books ordered by the Synod, to be prepared b them, which was accepted and referred to a Special Committe consisting of Rev. Philip Peltz, E. S. Porter, T. G. Watsor Elders, D. S. Jones, Henry Camerden, Jr.

The Committee presented the following report, which was a cepted and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Commi tee on Hymnology, would respectfully submit:

1. That it appears that the collection, "*Hymns of the Church,* is making steady progress, and is in use in more than fifty (50) c our Churches. The Committee anticipate that the publication wi soon become a source of revenue, and ask the Synod to designat to whom the copyright held by the members of the Committe shall be transferred. We propose the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Hymnology be instructed t transfer whatever copyright they may hold to the Board of Direc tion for the General Synod.

Resolved, That the Board of Direction be directed to appropriate to the Church Building Fund, whatever revenue may accrue from the hymn books prepared under the superintendence of this Committee.

2. The Synod will doubtless be gratified to know that the Hymns for the children of the Church, approved by the last Synod, will be issued from the press in a few months.

3. Proof sheets of the "Hymns of Prayer and Praise," have been submitted to us for examination.

This volume contains 320 hymns with appropriate music, and is designed for social and family worship. More than three-fourths of the hymns are in the books already in use under the approval of the Synod. The rest are such as command our approbation. Many of them are deeply fixed in the hearts of the people, and we gladly endorse them. The music of some 20 hymns not found in the "Hymns of the Church," commends itself to those of this Committee who are skilled in this branch.

We propose the following :

Resolved, That the book entitled "Hymns of Prayer and Praise," be adopted for social worship and commended to our Churches and families.

Resolved, That the Committee on Hymnology be discharged from their trust and labors when all of the three books mentioned in this report shall have been issued from the press, and the Committee shall have transferred the copyright of the same to the Board of Direction.

Resolved, That the Synod thanks the Committee, and expresses its hearty appreciation of the laborious work which these brethren have performed so well.

Respectfully submitted,

PH. PELTZ, *Chairman.*

Rev. William J. R. Taylor was placed on the Committee on Hymnology, in place of Rev. John B. Thompson, who is about to leave the country.

Resolved, That the Committee on Hymnology be authorized to arrange with Mr. Burnap for a book of Anthems under their super

lished under their supervision.

The Committee on the revision of the Liturgy presented the following report which was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

The Committee on the revision of the Liturgy beg leave to report that although they were appointed by the General Synod of 1868 they were not called together until their reappointment last year.

Since then they have had several meetings, and have made some progress in the work assigned to them.

Your Committee fully accord with the sentiment expressed by General Synod, at its last meeting, as to the importance of the subject.

They deem it important, in view of the growing opinion in the minds of many Ministers and Elders, that the true idea of worship, requires a more full expression on the part of the people of their devotional feelings than is at present afforded them. Many consider it also desirable, that it be made more obvious not merely that the Gospel minister is not by virtue of his office a Priest, but that the people themselves are a royal Priesthood, with all the power and privilege of prayer.

It is also supposed that if the people take a more active part in the worship of the Sanctuary, a happy influence will be exerted, especially upon the young, by enlisting their personal interest in the services.

Your Committee deem the subject important also, in view of the attitude of our Church at the present day towards the great Presbyterian family in our country.

Rejoicing as our Church does in the union which has taken place in that family, and believing that in our common Presbyterian government we more closely resemble the apostolic Church than any other, the question has been often asked, why our Church stands aloof from that union?—and the unanswerable reply is, because of our love for our blood-consecrated standards and of our past history as a martyr Church.

But this very reply suggests the question, whether it be not wisdom, if we remain thus separate, to make the marks which distin-

guish us more pronounced and prominent. Our historical position is without doubt, that of a *Reformed* Presbyterian and *Liturgical* Church! neither falling into the formality of Episcopacy nor into the baldness of Puritanism. So have we stood for two centuries, and so stand we to-day. *The Evangelical Presbyterian Liturgical Church.*

Your Committee feel that the answer to this question is closely connected with the work which the Synod has committed to them. They feel that if our grand and ancient Liturgy can be placed in a a more attractive and practical form; a more perfect freedom will be given to those who desire to make this feature more prominent than it now is, and that it will meet a felt want.

It is presumed that all will acknowledge, that if such a course be desirable, no church in this land has the advantage of ourselves in thus more decidedly assuming our always asserted character, as a Presbyterian liturgical Church.

It is indeed true that all the Reformed Churches of the Continent adopted liturgies, but we have ever insisted that our Ministry must use the prescribed forms at least in the administration of the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and of Baptism, and have urged the daily reading of the Ten Commandments, and the reciting of the Creed in unison.

Your Committee also feel that our Church has another advantage, in the fact that the Strasburg Liturgy of Calvin, which indeed has done much to form all the liturgies of the Reformed Churches, modifying even the Liturgy of the Church of England, is the heart if not the first form of the Liturgy of our Church. In 1541, if not earlier, Calvin prepared for the Church of Strasburg, to which he then ministered, this Liturgy. It was printed in that city in 1545, and after two or three reviews and translations, was adopted and imposed by the Synod of Holland and Zealand, as a prescribed service upon the Churches. The Synod of Wesel had already approved it. This Liturgy of the Church of Holland, now in use among us, was translated into English by our own Dr. Livingston, in the latter part of the past century. It has doubtless lost something by these various translations, first from the French into Latin, and then from the Latin into Dutch, and from the Dutch into English, but its force, truth and vigor remain, and it comes down

to us with all the prestige of antiquity, demanding not only our reverence and affection, but pleading for a more constant and wider use in our Churches.

Your Committee, therefore, hope to be able to present it to the Churches in a form which will so commend itself to the piety and wisdom of the Church, that its increasing use will place us before the world in our true historic position as a *spiritual Liturgical and Reformed Church.* And *this* they hope to be able to accomplish by the close of the next ecclesiastical year.

All which is respectfully submitted,

M. S. HUTTON, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The thirty-ninth Annual Report of the Board of Education was received and referred to the Committee on Education, with the exception of so much as refers to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education was received and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Education beg leave to report: The only paper submitted to the consideration of the Committee is the thirty-ninth Annual Report of the Board of Education, which presents the following gratifying results: During the year, seventy-five young men have been aided in the prosecution of study, who are distributed through our own and several other approved institutions of learning. Those having charge of these youth bear testimony to their general good character. Hope College has been aided as hitherto, and the Board expresses its readiness to obey the direction of Synod in respect to the continuance of appropriations. The sum of two hundred dollars has been added to each of the Professor's salaries, which money has been secured without making draft on the treasury of the Board. Nine Churches have received help in support of parochial instruction; the amount of seven hun-

hundred and eleven children have been taught in these schools. Receipts during the year present a very encouraging advance above previous years. The total amount received from collections and donations, exclusive of interest on invested funds is $16,318 33, being $3137 10 in excess above the year preceding, and $2288 33 above the receipts of any year in the history of the Board. Yet only two hundred and fifty Churches of the denomination have given to the Board, while more than two hundred have withheld their contributions, to which in great part the large debt of $8,000 is to be attributed.

From this summary, the condition of the Board appears to be vigorous and hopeful. The importance of this department of our church work is manifestly paramount. The Christian Ministry is the divinely appointed agency for the evangelization of the world, and the Board of Education is charged with the responsibility in part of placing this agency in the field. Let it accordingly be furnished with every means necessary to carry out its object.

The large number of non-contributing Churches is a matter of serious attention. Every Church of the denomination should be in vital sympathy with the Board, both for the reflex influence of an active benevolence on itself and in order to swell the means necessary to extend the Church at large. The Board of Education, through its laborious Secretary, has sought to win the support of all, and it is for no want of faithful endeavor that the whole Church is not enlisted in this work. Yet the fact remains that almost half the Churches of our denomination are unrepresented in collections for the Board. Cannot some effective measures be adopted to enlist the delinquent Churches in this work? It is a matter of regret also that applications by young men seeking the Ministry have been deferred on the simple ground of a present inability of the Board to meet the necessary expense. In view of the pressing need of laborers in a world of whitened harvest, it is sad that we cannot give a prompt affirmative to youth standing ready to consecrate themselves, and even go to others whose attention may not now be awakened, and enjoin upon them the call of the Ministry, with the assurance of necessary help to enter therein.

The Committee, while expressing no unfavorable discrimination

against the report of the Board of Education, among the reports of our several Boards, are nevertheless satisfied that a statement of operations in less extended form would be more satisfactory and effective. We recommend also a different mode of presentation to Synod, which recommendation we should be glad to see observed in reference to the annual reports of the several Boards, viz: instead of its formal reading necessarily occupying a large amount of time, that it be laid in printed form on the table of Synod for acceptance. We deem it desirable also that the locality and character of the Parochial schools be particularly described.

In view of the foregoing, we present the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, that we express our hearty acknowledgement of the blessing of God on the operations and success of our Board of Education.

2. *Resolved*, That we reaffirm previous resolutions of interest in the various objects of the Board and anew enjoin the Churches to full co-operation therewith.

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the Secretary the continuance of special appeal to the non-contributing Churches, with a view of enlisting them in the work.

4. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the Churches the observance of the last Thursday of January as a day of special fasting and prayer, in order to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our Schools and Seminaries of learning.

By order of the Committee.

HENRY E. DECKER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, the Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Boards of Education whose terms of service have expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected: Rev. M. S. Hutton, W. H. Ten Eyck, John H. Manning, G. H. Mandeville, Mr. E. C. Benedict, F. J. Hosford, Johnson Letson, John H. Browning.

The following Report of the Council of Hope College was presented and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

The Council of Hope College beg leave to present their Annual Report as follows:

I. ORGANIZATION.

At the regular meeting of the Council in June, 1870, the following officers were re-elected:

Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, *President;* Rev. J. S. Joralmon, *Vice-President;* Rev. A. T. Stewart, *Secretary;* Rev. E. C. Oggel, *Treasurer.*

The Executive Committee of the Council, together with the Theological Professors, were re-appointed a committee for the reception of Theological students; and it was resolved that the meeting for examining the students of the Theological Department, be held at the regular time in May, 1871, and that the examination of the Academic Seniors, take place at the same meeting.

II. THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

According to appointment, the examination of the Theological students was commenced at 9 A. M., Wednesday, May 17th, and was continued through three sessions, occupying in all about twelve hours. The following members were present:

Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, representing the Particular Synod of Chicago; Elder K. Brower, representing the Classis of Grand River; Rev. S. Bolks, Rev. Jacob Van Der Meulen, Rev. E. C. Oggel, representing the Classis of Holland; Rev. A. Thompson, representing the Classis of Illinois; Rev. A. T. Stewart, Rev. J. W. Beardslee, Rev. C. Van Der Veen, Elder B. Ledeboer, representing the Classis of Michigan; Rev. John Van Der Meulen, representing the Classis of Wisconsin; Rev. C. E. Crispel, representing the Theological Faculty; Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr., representing the Institution.

The following students had been in attendance during the year:

Senior Class.

John Broek, Gerrit Van De Kreeke,
William Visscher.

Middle Class.

Harm Borgers, Evert Van Der Hart.

Junior Class.

Henry Boer, Peter De Bruyn,
John A. De Spelder, James F. Zwemer.

In addition to the branches assigned them by the General Sync Dr. Crispell has given instruction in Pastoral Theology; Pr Beck, in Biblical Criticism and Exegesis; and Prof. Scott, Archaeology. Dr. Phelps began his instructions as usual, tl first term, but was compelled to suspend them again, on account other duties to the Institution, and was authorized to do so by tl Council.

The report of the Faculty speaks favorably of the consisten and diligence of the students; and the examinations which we conducted by the Theological teachers, under the superintenden of the Council, have given satisfactory evidence of their pr ficiency.

There has been no violation of the rules of Synod, in regard general preaching. The members of the Senior and Middle Class have delivered sermons both in the English and Dutch languages.

The Senior Class was examined in personal experience ai views of the Ministry; and together with the Middle Class, pr sented specimens of sermonizing. It was

Resolved, That the examinations be sustained, and that the mei bers of the Senior Class be recommended to the Theological Fa ulty, for the customary certificate.

Twenty-one students have been in this department, during the year, classified as follows: Seniors, 7; Juniors, 2; Sophomores, 5; Freshman, 7.

The examination of the Senior under-graduates was held at the close of the Theological examination, and was sustained.

During the last two terms, the branches of Mental and Moral Philosophy have been taught by Rev. A. T. Stewart; and the thanks of the Council were tendered to him for his valuable services therein.

The Freshman Class has received instruction in Classics and Mathematics from Tutors Shields and Parsons, in order to meet the requests of Profs. Beck and Crispell, to be excused therefrom, on account of their additional Theological labors.

Tutor Cornelis Doesburg has had charge of the instruction in modern languages, both in this and the Preparatory Department.

The annual commencement exercises were held June 21st, 1870, at which six candidates received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, of whom four have since entered the Theological Department. A member of the class, in partial course, received a correspondent certificate, and is now studying medicine.

IV. PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

The four classes of this department have included fifty-seven pupils, making the number of students in the whole school eighty-seven.

In addition to the labors of Tutors Doesberg and Shields, the Grammar School has had during the past year the services of Mr. Richard Parsons, who was appointed with special reference to Normal instruction.

On account of the time required by the tutors for the Freshman Class, the *D* Class has received all its instruction from several of the older students, at a small compensation.

The annual examination of this Department was held during the last Commencement week; and six graduates of the *A* Class were received into the Freshman Class of the Academic Department.

V. ENDOWMENT.

The President of the College reports, that having been authorized by the Council to be absent from his post, for the purpose of resuming his former efforts for the endowment, which the higher necessities of the Institution had compelled him to suspend, he has been endeavoring to prosecute the work as well as the difficulties of the case, and his relations to the Institution, requiring his frequent presence and labors at the School, would permit.

That the following moneys have been received by him, and do not yet appear in the report of the Treasurer of the General Synod, viz:

From Morris K. Jessup, Esq., to complete the *Thomas De Witt* Scholarship, named after the Board of Foreign Missions.	$1,500
From Mrs. F. F. Chrystie, to complete the *Albert Chrystie* Scholarship.....	600
From Mrs. M. F. Tillotson, for founding a Scholarship....	1,000
	$3,100

That concerning these contributions, he expects to send a special communication to the General Synod, a copy of which, together with a detailed statement of endowment results, will be furnished to the Council, for its regular meeting in June.

That several liberal donations of books and money for the Library have been sent to him without solicitation; and that he has been compelled by the urgent needs of the School, to bring to the notice of individuals, different interests of the Institution, concerning which the Council has been informally notified.

Finally, that a special account has been opened for his expenses, and donations furnished, covering the greater part of them.

VI. CONTINGENT FUND.

In order that a complete statement of this Fund might appear in the Minutes of Synod, and that the Synod might be better able to judge of the financial needs of the Institution, the Council presents an abstract from the beginning of the treasury under their supervision, until April 1st, 1871.

Endowment interest	$7,635 81
Fees	4,241 00
Donations	7,753 09
Sales	14 15
	$19,644 05

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Professors and Tutors	$8,674 48
Traveling expenses	1,692 77
Janitor	1,055 52
New Lecture Rooms	1,354 00
Building repairs	1,764 74
Grounds	504 34
Furniture	1,298 17
Library	59 88
School requisites	749 36
Rent	93 70
Commencement expenses	129 19
Blank books, etc	77 58
Printing	1,046 17
Postage, etc	44 33
Light and fuel	691 88
Cleaning	264 45
Freight	26 55
Interest	969 06
Special	108 86
Sundries	495 16
Expenses of Treasury	213 24
Amount of expenditures	$21,313 43
receipts	19,644 05
Deficiency	$1,669 38

Mr. G. Van Schelver has been appointed by the Executive Committee, Treasurer *pro tem.*, in place of Rev. E. C. Oggel, resigned.

VII. REQUISITES.

1. BUILDING APPARATUS, ETC.—The General Hall, which has received a good deal from the treasury of the College in previous years, is very much in need of repairs, and without some expenditure, is not in a proper condition for occupancy. There are also required additional accommodations for the family of the President, residing in the building at considerable sacrifice.

The Council respectfully bring this matter to the special notice of the Synod.

The value of the *Library* has been much enhanced by the generous donations and efforts of Elder Samuel B. Schieffelin.

Rev. Charles Whitehead also has contributed a box of valuable books numbering ———.

Chancellor Ferris has selected from his own private library, nearly four hundred excellent volumes for the Theological Department, which are to be labelled as presented by him to the "Western Theological School of the Reformed Church in America in Hope College."

Dr. Ferris has also added another selection of more than one hundred volumes for the Academic Department.

The Council have been exceedingly gratified with these practical expressions of sympathy on the part of this venerable father in the Church, and the other brethren; and believe that the Synod will renew the thanks which have been tendered to them by the Council.

A *Refectory* for the students has been opened in the dwelling formerly occupied by the late Prof. Oggel, and has been under the charge of Mr. Melis, one of the older students, who, with his wife, has rendered exceedingly faithful and self-denying services in its behalf.

2. THE SAMUEL B. SCHIEFFELIN *Department of Publication.*—In order that the Council might have some memorial of their deep gratitude to Elder S. B. Schieffelin for his unwearied liberalities to the Institution, and for his original subscription by which the foundation of the Printing House was laid, they have resolved that the Department of Publication hereafter bear the name of this eminent benefactor.

Hope, in place of Rev. E. Christian Oggel, resigned.

3. THE JAMES SUYDAM FARM.—This valuable tract, secured through Elder Suydam's munificent donation of five thousand dollars to pay its debt, as reported to the last Synod, is to be used for the establishment of a Scientific School, to be organized whenever the funds will admit, as a Scientific Department for the Institution.

VIII. PARTICULARIA.

In addition to his other gifts, Elder Schieffelin has sent to each of the Theological students, copies of several works of great utility, for their student course, also a number of leading scientific, theological and literary periodicals.

Rev. R. Pieters, Pastor of the First Reformed Church of Holland, Mich., has during the past two years given catechetical instruction to the Academic students, and his services have been productive of much good to the Institution. The Council tender him their sincere thanks.

In accordance with the action of the last Synod, the Council herewith submit to the General Synod a Plan for Hope College, intended to cover future growth as well as present facts. Inasmuch as the Institution was already organized, the plan is, of course, an *Amended Constitution*; and it is presented as an earnest and faithful endeavor to meet the requirements of the Church, the needs of our Western field, and the complicated relations arising from the history of the Institution.

With respect to that part of the Synod's action which called for the preparation of an advance copy for the Synodical Committee, by the 1st of January, a literal and absolute compliance was simply impracticable. Four special meetings have been held for the discussion of the various questions involved; and while making every consistent exertion to bring their whole action at an early day under the official review of the experienced Committee appointed by the last Synod, yet inasmuch as it is the efficient working of the Western School which is most concerned, your Council felt that it was better for them to complete their amendments, though that might necessitate delay in sending their report to the Eastern

Committee, than to increase the labor of the Committee, by leaving it to them to supply manifest deficiencies.

The main embarrassment has arisen from constitutional arrangements with reference to Theology. But as the system embraces not only the Theological School of Hope College, but also those in China and India, and especially the parent Seminary at New Brunswick, your Council felt that it did not belong to them to consider modifications of the Constitution of the Church. They, therefore, brought to the notice of the Synodical Committee, the expediency of some change which would give to the Synod an entirely appellate instead of an original jurisdiction over Theological Schools.

This seems to be requisite, in order to afford to such schools a closer and more sympathetic relation to preparatory education in all its stages, from Primary to Academic. Our plan of organization aims at some such relation; and in this way do we believe that the Church can best meet the requirements of the Gospel field.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of the Council,

ABEL T. STEWART, *Secretary.*

A communication containing a plan for the re-organization of Hope College was presented by the Council of Hope College in compliance with the direction of the last General Synod, and was accepted.

The report of the Special Committee appointed by the last General Synod to receive and consider an advanced copy of the above plan was received and accepted.

The Committee on the re-organization of Hope College presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed by the last General Synod "to consider the plan" for the organization of Hope College, "and report thereon," beg leave respectfully to report.

This Committee was appointed under the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, that the Council of Hope College be requested to

present to General Synod, at its next meeting, a plan for its organization, and all the details necessary in their judgment, to promote the efficiency of the same, and that Synod now appoint a Committee, whose duty it shall be to consider such plan and report thereon to next Synod, and that the Council be requested to submit such plan to said Committee on or before the first day of January next, in order that such Committee may have full time to consider and report on the same, with any amendments they may consider desirable, to Synod at its next Annual Session."

Your Committee received in January last from the Council of Hope College, a "Plan of Organization." This Report was evidently incomplete, since it concluded with the words "to be continued," and with the statement, "that another meeting of the Council will be held toward the latter part of January, when the report will be completed, and printed copies will be forwarded to the Synodical Committee at the earliest day practicable."

The additional report thus intimated was forwarded to the Committee in the following month. This report, while modifying in some particulars the previous report, left some important details to be "completed at the adjourned meeting in March;" and ended with the following note:

"In conclusion, the Council beg leave to suggest to the General Synod, that while that part of the Plan of Organization, which treats of the Theological Department, has of course been shaped in strict accordance with the Constitution of the Church, yet it is due to candor and to a proper regard for the Institution to add, that in the opinion of your Council, the supervision of a Theological School by an intermediate body possessing so little power, and consequently having so little opportunity, in the intervals of the annual sessions of the General Synod, must of necessity be comparatively inefficient.

"Your Council do not desire to have the relations of the Western School to the General Synod at all weakened, but on the contrary feel that those relations are essential to the dignity and success of the whole Institution. Nor does the Council desire merely the possession of power as such, for the responsibility of the trust committed to our body is already very serious. But inasmuch as the whole school is ecclesiastical, and the Synod appoints the

Council, holds the Theological real estate and endowment funds, and has original or appellate jurisdiction over the College, there seems to be no good reason why larger liberty should not be granted to the Council, in reference to the Theological Department of the Institution.

"In matters, however, of so grave importance as the Theological interests of the Church, and the requirements of the Constitution, your Council feel that it might become them simply to suggest the subject to the experience of the Synodical Committee and to the superior wisdom of the General Synod."

Under these circumstances, the Committee, at its meeting held February 21st, transmitted to the Council the following resolution:

"*Whereas*, The partial scheme of an amended Constitution of Hope College, which has been transmitted to this Committee, closes with an intimation of the wish of the Council that the scheme so presented be farther changed in such manner as shall relieve it of the comparative inefficiency which attaches to the method now proposed of 'supervising the Theological School,' and shall secure a 'larger liberty to the Council in reference to the Theological Department of the Institution.' And whereas, it is further intimated that additional suggestions on this subject are to be made to the Synod in the completed report of the Council:

"*Resolved*, That this Committee feels embarrassed in any attempt to carry out the commission of the Synod in the consideration of the scheme of the Council, until it is fully informed of the wishes of the Council and of the statement of them, which that body proposes to lay before the Synod."

To which the Council, at its next meeting, March 29th, and 30th, adopted the following reply, which was transmitted to the Committee, with the completed report of the plan as proposed by the Council,

"*Whereas*, The Synod's Committee have signified to the Council their 'embarrassment,' in view of the concluding portion of our report, intimating their desire to know more precisely the significance of said portion:

"Therefore, *Resolved*, That the Council respectfully inform said Committee, that the larger liberty spoken of has reference to the original cognizance of the General Synod in relation to Theological Schools.

our Theological Department, if the Constitution of the Church should be so amended, that while the General Synod should retain supreme appellate jurisdiction, its original cognizance in relation to details should be delegated to the Council.

"*Resolved*, That this Committee be respectfully requested to take into consideration the propriety of this suggestion, and if deemed consistent, to recommend to the favorable action of Synod such an amendment to the Constitution of the Church as will meet the preceding suggestion."

Your Committee, thus fully informed of the wishes of the Council, was required to consider, whether they could concur in the views of the Council, and recommend the constitutional change which they desire. The article which it is proposed to change, is the following (Chap. 2, Art. 5, Sec. 3): "The General Synod shall have original cognizance in all matters relating to the Theological Schools, the appointment of Professors, and their course of instruction, the appointment of Superintendents of said schools, and the regulations thereof."

The chief, if not the only end, which the Council propose to gain by such a change, is the increased efficiency of the Council in superintending the Theological Schools. The particular directions in which the increased power of the Council could be employed with advantage are not suggested by the Council, and they do not appear to your Committee. The immediate control of the Synod, over all the matters which are specified in the section of the Constitution already quoted, has been found, we think, to be of very great importance in all the past experience of the Church; and, so far as your Committee are aware, the sentiment of our whole Church is averse to any change of a time-honored policy, which has been found so successful and so safe.

The following note closed the report presented at that time to the Committee:

"The Council have now held four laborious meetings with reference to the Plan of Organization, and at an expense of more than $500 to the Treasury of the Institution.

"Progress in the plan has been made as rapidly as practicable,

and the Council believe that all has been reported which is essential for the deliberations of the Synodical Committee.

"With reference to the support of the Institution, the Council are not prepared at present to proceed with their Report."

Your Committee proceeded at once, with as much care as possible, to the consideration of the plan proposed by the Council; and, with entire unanimity, agreed upon a report and a plan for the organization of the Institution.

Within a fortnight of the meeting of the General Synod, your Committee received copies of another printed report from the Council, amplifying somewhat the provisions for the "Work" of the Institution, with details in regard to its "Support." The Committee proceeded at once to consider the report as thus presented by the Council, and have been happy in adopting very generally the suggestions of the Council in regard to the new points presented.

The "Conclusion of the Annual Report to General Synod" was added "for the information of the Synodical Committee." The Committee submit the same in this place anew to the Synod, to complete the history of its action.

"*Conclusion of the Annual Report to General Synod.*—In accordance with the action of the last Synod, the Council herewith submit to the General Synod a general plan for Hope College, intended to cover future growth as well as present facts. Inasmuch as the Institution was already organized, the plan is, of course, an *Amended Constitution*: and it is presented as an earnest and faithful endeavor to meet the requirements of the Church, the needs of our Western field, and the complicated relations arising from the history of the Institution.

"With regard to that part of the Synod's action which called for the preparation of an advanced copy for the Synodical Committee, by the first of January, a literal and absolute compliance was simply impracticable. Four special meetings have been held for the discussion of the various questions involved; and while making every consistent exertion to bring their whole action, at an early day, under the official review of the experienced Committee appointed by the last Synod, yet inasmuch as it is the efficient working of the Western School which is most concerned, your Council felt that it was better for them to complete their amend-

ments, though that might necessitate delay in sending their report to the Eastern Committee, than to increase the labor of the Committee, by leaving it to them to supply manifest deficiencies.

"The main embarrassment has arisen from constitutional arrangements with reference to Theology. But as the system embraces not only the Theological School of Hope College, but also those in China and India, and especially the parent Seminary at New Brunswick, your Council felt that it did not belong to them to consider modifications of the Constitution of the Church. They therefore brought to the notice of the Synodical Committee the expediency of some change which would give to the Synod an entirely appellate instead of an original jurisdiction over Theological Schools.

"This seems to be requisite in order to afford to such schools a closer and more sympathetic relation to preparatory education in all its stages, from primary to academic. Our plan of organization aims at some such relation; and in this way, do we believe that the Church can best meet the requirements of the Gospel field."

With these statements the Committee respectfully submit the following amended plan for the organization of Hope College:

AMENDED CONSTITUTION.

A suitable Plan of Organization for Hope College, must treat of the *Government*, the *Work*, and the *Support* of the Institution.

1. THE GOVERNMENT.

(A) OF GENERAL SYNOD.

1. The ultimate authority over the whole school, at present known under the name of Hope College, in all its Deparments, is inherent in the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America. The Synod holds the Institution in charge for that Church, of which it is the highest Judicatory—the Church being the Propritor, and the Synod the Trustee.

2. The Synodical Plan for the School, first adopted in 1863, and amended in 1866, as still farther amended in 1871, is as follows:

SYNODICAL PLAN.

The supervision of Hope College, at Holland, Ottawa County, Michigan, is vested in a Board of Superintendents, incorporated as a Council or Board of Trustees.

I. CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD.

1. *Members.*—Said Council shall not exceed thirty-five (35) members; and so long as the Classes in the Particular Synod of Chicago shall not be more than seven (7), shall contain four (4) representatives from each Classis in that Particular Synod, one representative from each of the Particular Synods, and one representative from the General Synod; together with the President of the Institution, and the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, as *ex officio* members.

2. *Requisites for Membership.*—Of the four members for each Classis, at least two shall be Ministers of the Word, and at least one shall be an Elder, while for the fourth, it shall be simply requisite that he be a member in full communion of one of the Churches in the Classis represented.

3. *Mode of Appointment.*—The representatives of the Particular Synods shall be appointed by the General Synod, on nomination of each Particular Synod.

The representatives of the Classes shall be appointed by the General Synod on nominations of their respective Classes—said nominations to be made by ballot at the regular meeting of the Classis, next preceding the meeting of the General Synod.

4. *Term of Office.*—The representatives of the Synods and of the Classes shall severally hold their offices for the term of eight (8) years, dating from September first of the year of their appointment; and the representatives from the Classes shall be divided into four (4) sections, so that the term of office of one-fourth of their number may expire every two years.

5. *Vacancies.*—Vacancies occurring among the representatives of the Classes during the intervals of General Synod may be filled by the Council. Such appointees to hold office until the next meeting of the General Synod.

A change of classical relation by a representative of a Classis,

institution, on the part of any member, shall vacate his place so as to render the appointment of a substitute necessary ; but until such substitute be appointed, the former member shall retain his seat in the Council.

Any member of Council (excepting an *ex officio* member) who may have been absent from three successive regular meetings without satisfactory explanation, may at the next regular meeting thereafter, by a vote of two-thirds of the Council, be removed, and his seat declared vacant.

II. OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the Council shall consist of a President, Adsessor and Secretary, whose respective duties shall be regulated in-accordance with the by-laws of the Council.

2. The President, Adsessor and Secretary shall be ch oseen each annual meeting, by ballot,

III. QUORUM.

A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of nine members.

IV. MEETINGS.

1. Regular meetings of the Council shall be held on the last Wednesday in April, and the third Wednesday in June.

2. Special meetings may be called by the President of the Council, or he shall call the same, on the written application of the President of the College, or of any three members of the Council.

V. ANNUAL REPORT.

1. The Council shall require from the President of the College an annual report of the whole School, in all its interests and departments.

2. This report shall be submitted to the Council, at the opening session of its meeting on the last Wednesday of April in each year ; at which meeting the Council shall prepare its annual report to the General Synod.

3. Copies of the report of the Council shall be forwarded to the Particular Synod of Chicago, at its next ensuing regular meeting, and also to the Board of Education, at the earliest time practicable.

VI. AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER.

The manner of amending the Articles of Association as adopted in this Amended Constitution, shall be as follows:

1. Every such amendment shall originate in the Council, and shall be proposed at a regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for the purpose of considering the amendment; and the notice for such special meeting shall be issued at least three weeks before the time set for the meeting, and shall state the character of the amendment.

2. The vote of the approval of an amendment must be equal to a majority of all the members of the Council, and must include at least two-thirds of the members present at the meeting.

3. Every amendment must receive the final sanction of the General Synod, and when official notice of such sanction shall have been received by the Council, the latter body shall, at the first regular or special meeting thereafter, record it in its minutes, as adopted, and shall proceed to take the requisite steps for giving legal confirmation to the same.

4. As soon as the possession of a sufficient endowment shall have relieved the Board of Education or the General Synod from the support of the President and Professors, the Council shall adopt for the whole School, the name of Hope Haven University; and shall proceed at once, without reference to the previous stipulations, to complete the requisite amendment to the first Article of Association.

VII. EXTENT OF POWER.

In accordance with the Constitution of the Reformed Church in America, the Synod has original cognizance of all matters relating to the Theological Department, while for all other departments, it has delegated its prerogatives to the Council, except that the Board of Education is continued in the exercise of its powers, in rela-

tion to the Institution—the Synod, however, retaining entire appellate jurisdiction.

Hence the province of the Council in regard to the Theological Department, is that of a Board of Superintendents, according to the Constitution and usages of the Reformed Church in America. Its specific relations and duties tobe hereinafter set forth. In regard to the other departments, it is fiduciary. And in the fulfilment of its trust, the Council shall conform to the rights of the General Synod, to the Constitution of the Church, and to the essential interests and characteristics of the denomination.

(B) OF COUNCIL.

The Articles of Association (constituting the Charter of the College) under which the Synod's Board of Superintendents was incorporated, were reported to the General Synod in 1866. As amended in 1871, they are as follows:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

We, the undersigned, associate ourselves together to become a Corporation, for the purpose of founding and establishing a College under the laws of the State of Michigan, entitled "An act to provide for the Incorporation of Institutions of Learning," approved February 9th, 1855, and the acts amendatory thereto.

I. NAME.

The name of the Institution is Hope College. The Trustees and their successors are to be a body corporate; and their corporate name is "*The Council of Hope College.*"

II. LOCATION.

The location of the College and of the Corporation is at Holland, in Ottawa County, in the State of Michigan.

III. CHARACTER AND OBJECT.

The character and object of the College and of the Corporation are to provide the usual literary and scientific course of study, in connection with sound evangelical religious instructions, according

Scriptures.

Although the College is denominational in its character, ye students shall be admitted to all its advantages, without referenc to their ecclesiastical connections, subject only to the general rule and regulations of the Institution.

IV. DEPARTMENTS.

The Departments of Instruction which it shall be the special en deavor of the Council to maintain, are the following:

1. The Grammar School Department, preparatory for business c for higher courses of study.

2. The Academic Department, qualifying for the degree of Bacl elor of Arts.

3. The Theological Department, for the training of Missionarie and Ministers of the Gospel.

4. In addition to these, the Council may institute a Normal,* Primary and a Female Department, and also such other Depar ments as are in harmony with these Articles of Association.

V. FUNDS.

The amount of funds or capital stock donated or given to th Trustees or Council of the said College, is as follows:

The General Synod of the Reformed Church of America, a bod corporate under the laws of New York, and authorized to hol property for educational purposes in the State of Michigan, has, i good faith and in due form, donated or given to the said Trustee or Council, for the purpose of endowing this College, the sum (thirty thousand dollars, of which sum, six thousand dollars hav been already paid to the Associates or Trustees, for the use of thi College. In addition to this, the said General Synod has set apar for the use and purposes of this College and Incorporation, th real estate and premises in the County of Ottawa and State (Michigan, known as the *Holland Academy*. And moreover, tl said General Synod, as a body corporate, holds in express tru for this Corporation and College (independent of the aforesa thirty thousand dollars, already donated and heretofore set forth

lars; which sum is from time to time increasing by donations.

VI. ORIGINAL CORPORATORS.

The following are the names and places of residence of the Trustees, and the length of time of their continuance in office:

Albertus C. Van Raalte, Holland, Mich., until Sept. 1, 1895, or during his ecclesiastical connection with the Particular Synod of Chicago, but not exceeding thirty years.

Philip Phelps, Jr., Holland, Ottawa County, Michigan, *ex officio* member as President of the College, while President, but not to exceed thirty years.

John L. See, New Brunswick, New Jersey, *ex officio* member as Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education R. C. A., while such Secretary, but not to exceed thirty years.

John Mason Ferris, Flatbush, Long Island, New York, until September 1st, 1866.

Solomon Cummings, Centreville, Michigan, until Sept. 1st, 1867.

Samuel J. Rogers, Geneva, New York, until September 1st, 1868.

Schuyler Colfax, South Bend, Indiana, until September 1st, 1869.

John S. Joralmon, Fairview., Ill., until September 1st, 1866.

John N. Rogers, Davenport, Iowa, until September 1st, 1867.

Cyrus G. Van Der Veer, Davenport, Iowa, until September 1st, 1868.

Edward P. Livingston, Bushnell, Ill., until September 1st, 1869.

Seine Bolks, Zeeland, Michigan, until September 1st, 1866.

Hessel O. Yntema, Vriesland, Michigan, until September 1st, 1867.

Peter J. Oggel, Holland, Michigan, until September 1st, 1868.
Arie Cz. Kuyper, Pella, Iowa, until September 1st, 1869.
N. D. Williamson, Chicago, Ill., until September 1st, 1866.
Jacob Van Zanten, Low Prarie, Ill., until September, 1st, 1867.
John Van Der Meulen, Milwaukee, Wis., until Sept. 1st, 1868.
Roelof Pieters, Alto, Wisconsin, until September 1st, 1869.

VII. MANNER OF SUCCESSION.

The manner in which the succession of Trustees shall be secured, and the successors of the present Trustees elected, is as follows:

1. The person appointed as President of the Institution, while he continues to hold such office, shall be, *ex officio*, one of the Trustees or Council of the College.

2. The person who holds the office of Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education of the Reformed Church in America, while he continues to hold such office, shall be, *ex officio*, one of such Trustees or Council.

3. Each Particular Synod under the care of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America shall nominate, and the General Synod shall appoint one member of said Board of Trustees or Council, to represent such Particular Synod at large; and the General Synod shall appoint one member to represent said General Synod. Every member thus appointed, according to this section, shall hold his office for the term of eight (8) years; provided, that his ecclesiastical relations to the Synod nominating him shall so long continue. But if those relations close, his office shall be vacated, and the Synod may appoint a successor to him, on the like terms and conditions.

4. The other members of the Board of Trustees or Council (not exceeding in the aggregate, with the above designated President and Secretary and members at large, the number of thirty-five (35), shall be chosen by appointment and confirmation of the General Synod of the Reformed Church of America, on nomination of the several Classes belonging to the Particular Synod of Chicago—the latter being an ecclesiastical body constituted under the Constitution and laws of the said Reformed Church. It is composed of representatives of several Classes, being an inferior ecclesiastical organization of said Church.

So long as the number of said Classes shall not exceed seven (7), each Classis shall be represented by four (4) members in the Council.

5. The members chosen from the Classes are to be divided into four parties or sections, so that one-fourth of the whole number may go out of office every two years.

elect one of their number, who shall be an advisory member of the Council, without the right of voting.

7. Vacancies in the representations from the Classes occurring in the intervals of the meetings of the Synod, so that they cannot be filled by nomination and appointment as herein provided, may be filled by the Council. And the acting members of the Council shall continue to be Trustees, until the appointment shall be made as herein provided.

8. In case the number of Classes shall be increased, so that the selection of four members from each of them shall produce an aggregate of more than thirty-two (32,) then said Particular Synod may apportion the members among the several Classes in their discretion, so as to reach and not exceed the number of thirty-two.

Under the foregoing Articles, we, the undersigned, do hereby associate, for the purpose of forming a Corporation under the name and for the objects aforesaid.

(*Signed personally by all the preceding names, except Rev. John Van Der Meulen and John Rogers.*)

II. THE WORK.

(A) ADMINISTRATION.

1. The administration of the Institution is vested in an Executive Officer, whose official title shall be, *The President of the College.*

2. In regard to the Theological Department, the President shall have only such powers as shall be definitely stipulated by the General Synod. In regard to all other departments, his duties and prerogatives shall be such as the Council may determine, subject to the revision of the General Synod.

3. In the discharge of his trust, he shall have the counsel and co-operation of a body, to be styled, the *General Faculty.*

4. The whole School shall be represented in its different departments, at a General Commencement.

First—PRESIDENCY.

1. The President of the College shall be appointed by the General Synod, on nomination of the Council.

2. His salary shall be determined, and the endowment basis for its payment shall be held by the General Synod.

3. His duties and prerogatives shall be as follows :

(*a*) He shall prepare an abstract of the various matters which are to come before the Council for consideration, and shall read it at the opening of their meeting; and for this purpose, all communications belonging to the College in general, shall be received by him.

(*b*) He shall present to the Council, at its regular meeting in April, a full report of the whole School.

(*c*) He shall be *ex officio*, Chairman of the Committees for the reception of students into the different Departments, which Committees shall consist of the several Faculties.

(*d*) He shall attend the examinations of students in the various Departments, keep notes of the same, and at the close of the several sessions read them to the council for amendment and adoption.

(*e*) He shall have the privilege of a voice and of a vote at any meeting of any Faculty of which he is a member.

(*f*) He shall not be required to hold a professorship, but may give such instruction in any Department as may be approved by the Council.

(*g*) He shall have the right of privately admonishing or exhorting any student in any Department.

(*h*) He shall have charge of the discipline of the students at chapel exercises, and shall receive the reports of absences, or tardiness, with power to excuse therefor.

(*i*) He shall receive the blank reports relating to students, and issued by the General Board of Education, and by the Western Board operating in the Classes of Holland, Wisconsin and Grand River; and shall lay them before the several Faculties to be duly filled.

(*k*) In general, the President, being appointed by the General

Synod, on nomination of the Council, and being *ex officio*, a member of the latter body, shall be regarded as the representative of the Council, directly in contact with the several operations of the Institution. He shall, therefore, have a general oversight of the various interests involved, with power to arrest any proceeding relating to the Institution. But in case of such arrest, the question shall be submitted to a meeting of the Council, to be held within thirty days.

Second—GENERAL FACULTY.

1. The General Faculty shall be composed of one representative from the Faculty of each separate organized Department of Instruction, with the President of the College as the presiding officer.

2. Said Faculty shall hold regular meetings at the beginning and close of each term; and special meetings may be called by the President.

3. To it must be submitted all proposals for a change in the course of study or in text books in any of the Departments, its action being subect to the revision of the Council.

4. It shall have the care of the students in the General Hall, the dormitories in which shall hereafter be occupied by no others than those who in the different Departments are preparing for the Gospel ministry. But while the President continues to reside in the Hall, he shall have the right to assign rooms, and with the approval of the General Faculty, to make exceptions to the preceding rule.

5. It shall have such charge as pertains to a Faculty, over lecture rooms, dormitories, boarding places, etc., used in common for more than one Department.

6. It shall make arrangements for the chapel exercises, in which all the students of all the Departments shall participate together.

7. It shall determine the precise dates of the Winter and Spring vacations.

Third—COMMENCEMENT.

1. The General Commencement shall be held on the fourth Wednesday of June—on which occasion, the President of the College shall preside.

2. The programme for its exercises shall be prepared by the President and submitted to the General Faculty for amendment and adoption.

Fourth—VACATION.

1. For the Theological and Academic Departments, the General Commencement shall be followed by a summer vacation extending to the third Wednesday of September.

2. There shall be a winter vacation of two weeks at the Holidays, and a spring vacation of two weeks in the first part of April—the precise dates of these latter vacations to be determined by the General Faculty.

3. For the other Departments, the Council may make changes in the preceding vacations, on recommendation of the General Faculty.

(B) DEPARTMENTS.

OF INSTRUCTION.

The following are the Departments of Instruction, already in operation, viz: *Theological*, *Academical* and *Preparatory*.

I. THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

First—OF SUPERINTENDENCE.

1. The Council of Hope College shall constitute the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at Hope College; and in such relation shall be invested with such powers, and charged with such duties, as have been given to the Boards of Superintendents of the Theological Seminaries by the existing laws of the Church.

Second—OF FACULTY.

1. The Theological Faculty of Hope College shall be composed of those holding theological appointments from the General Synod —the Theological Professors acting as President of the Faculty in rotation.

Those appointed by the Council, acting as a Board of Superintendents, as temporary teachers, shall be members for the time being, with an equal voice in all the proceedings, and a vote in matters pertaining to their several branches of instruction.

2. The Faculty shall hold regular meetings, and keep regular minutes; and their book of minutes shall be laid on the table of Council, acting as a Board of Superintendents, for examination at the regular meeting in April.

3. The Theological report to the Council, acting as a Board of Superintendents, shall be prepared by the Faculty; and a certified copy thereof shall be sent to the President of the Institution, in time for him to embody its substance in his annual report of the whole School.

4. The Faculty shall be officially notified of any action of the Council, affecting their department, within three days after the close of the meeting of the Council in which such action was taken. And no communication from the Faculty shall be accepted by the General Synod, unless a copy thereof shall have been sent to the Council at least three weeks before the next ensuing meeting of the General Synod, except where there should not be such length of time between the action of the Council and the meeting of the General Synod.

5. The Faculty shall have the power of reprimanding disrespectful, indolent or inconsistent students.

Every suspension shall be subject to the revision of the Council, at its first ensuing regular or special meeting, when acting as a Board of Superintendents.

6. In respect to absences caused by sickness or pecuniary considerations, it is left to the Faculty to determine how long and for what cause, a student may be absent and yet resume his place in his class—subject to the revision of the Board.

7. Each Professor shall be chosen by the General Synod; but in the recess of Synod, in cases of vacancy only, the Council, acting as a Board of Superintendents, may temporarily employ suitable persons to give Theological instruction.

8. The number of Theological Professors and their respective duties shall be determined by the General Synod.

eral Synod, shall be fixed, and the endowment therefor
held by the General Synod.

10. Every Professor is subject to the inspection of the
acting as a Board of Superintendents, as to his doctrine a
of teaching; but is, in all respects, amenable to the Genera
alone.

Second—OF STUDENTS.

1. Every candidate for admission into the Theological
ment of Hope College, shall produce a certificate of his men
in some regular Protestant Church, with a baccalaureate
or testimonials of such literary attainments as would entitl
such diploma.

He shall, moreover, submit to an examination by the
acting as a Board of Superintendents, or by a Committee a
by the Council, in regard to his piety, talents, and suc
qualifications as would give reasonable ground to hope th
called of God to preach the Gospel.

2. No member of the Junior or Middle Theological Cl
preach or lecture to any congregation. But the member
Senior Class may deliver such of their own discourses,
times and places, as may be sanctioned by one of the Profe
may preach in the churches to which they severally belo
sermons as may be approved by their respective pastors.

This rule, however, shall not be construed so as to abr
liberty or interfere with the duties of the students as
members of the Church, and followers of the Lord Jes
every student is permitted to engage in such religious exer
would have been proper for him, before entering a The
School.

3. Any student who maintains a consistent Christian b
and who desires to avail himself of the instructions of an
Professors, may be admitted to the advantages of any of
ture-rooms, subject to ordinary scholastic regulations. B
shall be known and registered as students in elective cou
not in Theology, and shall not appear in any of the The
examinations.

means of grace, both private and social—to be diligent in stud and regular in attendance upon all the required exercises of t School—to be exemplary in moral and religious deportment; car ful as to personal habits; and earnest in embracing opportuniti for usefulness.

5. It is recommended to the students to study the claims of t destitute parts of our own country as well as of the world large—to consider the question of personal duty in regard to the —to acquire due conceptions of the amount and forms of lab requisite in given fields—to spend a portion of their vacations colporteur labors—and while cherishing a sturdy spirit of endurance to cultivate those habits of study and modes of address which w facilitate their entrance upon the several Gospel fields.

Third—OF COURSE OF STUDY.

1. The course of Theological study shall occupy not less th three years.

2. The studies of the first or Junior year shall be as follows:
The Greek and Hebrew Languages,
Biblical Archæology,
Exegesis of the Original Scriptures,
Ancient Sacred History and Chronology,
Sacred Rhetoric,
Pastoral Theology, so far as relates to the call to the ministry.

3. The studies of the second or Middle year shall be as follows
Didactic Theology,
Ecclesiastical History,
Biblical Criticism,
Chaldee and Syriac Languages,
Exegesis of the Scriptures, *continued*,
Sacred Rhetoric, *continued*.

4. The studies of the last or Senior year shall be as follows:
Didactic Theology, *continued*,
Polemic Theology,
Ecclesiastical History, *continued*,
Church Government,
Pastoral Theology,

Exegesis of the Scriptures, *continued*,
Theses,
Sacred Rhetoric, *continued*,

5. At the end of the three years, a student may be continued longer in the school, if his examination be not sustained.

Fourth—OF EXAMINATIONS.

1. On the last Wednesday in April of each year, the Senior Theological class shall be examined by the Council, acting as a Board of Superintendents, in the studies of the current year, and also in orthodoxy, personal piety, and views of the Gospel Ministry.

2. A programme of the order and time assigned to the various branches of instruction, shall be prepared by the Faculty, and submitted to the Council, acting as a Board of Superintendents.

3. The Council, acting as a Board of Superintendents, shall make their decision as to the qualifications of the candidates for a professorial certificate; and the character and results of the examination shall be included in the report to the General Synod; but the certificates shall not be presented till the Commencement in June.

4. Meanwhile the candidates shall remain members of the Theological school, and shall engage in suitable preparation for the Commencement, and for the examination by the classes; and their relations to the Theological Department shall not cease, until the acceptance of their professorial certificates by the respective classes.

5. The annual examination of the Middle and Junior classes shall begin on the third Wednesday of June, in accordance with a programme arranged as before; and the character and results thereof shall be included in the next ensuing report to the General Synod.

6. The Professors, and other teachers for the time being, shall give certificates to the Members of the Senior Class, whose final examination shall have been approved by the Council, acting as a Board of Superintendents, according to the following form.

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF.....

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father, and from Jesus Christ our Lord.

This certifies that.....is a member of the Theological Department of Hope College, belonging to the Reformed Church in America; and that he has pursued the course of sacred study required by the General Synod in that Theological School.

His examination in its various branches of study, and also in his orthodoxy, personal piety and views of the Gospel Ministry, has been sustained; and his gifts, habits and attainments are such as to afford promise, under the divine blessing, of usefulness in the Church of our Lord.

He is, therefore, permitted and recommended to apply to the Reverend Classis for examination for licensure to preach the Gospel. In token of which, and by authority of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, we have hereunto subscribed our names this....day....A. D.

By order of the Council, acting as Board of Superintendents.

Fifth—OF COMMENCEMENT.

1. During the Commencement week in June, there may be held, at the option of the Council, public exercises in which some or all of the members of the Senior Class shall participate.

2. This Theological Commencement, however, shall not conflict with a General Commencement representing all the departments of the Institution.

II. ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT.

First—OF FACULTY.

1. The Academic Faculty shall be composed of the Professors and Tutors appointed for that department, with the Senior Academic Professor as President.

The Tutors shall have a voice in all the proceedings, and a vote in matters pertaining to their respective branches of instruction.

2. The Faculty shall hold regular meetings and keep regular

minutes, and their book of minutes shall be laid on the table of Council, for examination, at the regular meeting in April.

3. The Academic Report to the Council shall be prepared by the Faculty, and a certified copy thereof shall be sent to the President of the Institution, in time for him to embody its substance in his Annual Report of the whole School.

4. The Faculty shall be officially notified of any action of the Council, affecting their department, within three days after the close of the meeting of the Council in which such action was taken. And no communication from the Faculty shall be accepted by the General Synod, unless a copy thereof shall have been sent to the Council at least three weeks before the next ensuing meeting of the General Synod, except where there should not be such length of time between the action of the Council and the meeting of the General Synod.

5. The Faculty shall have power to make all necessary regulations for the proper discipline of the students, subject to the revision of the Council; but no expulsion shall take place without the previous approbation of the Council.

Second—of Students.

1. Rules already in use for the government of the students shall remain in force till revised by the Council.

Third—of Course of Study.

1. The course of study shall be as follows: (See Catalogue on pages 20–24), unless changed by the Faculty with the consent of the Council.

2. The Faculty may admit any candidate to such partial course as may, in their judgment, seem suitable; and such students shall, at the end of their course, receive a corresponding certificate.

Fourth—of Examinations.

1. At the regular meeting of the Council in April, the Senior Academic Class shall be examined in the studies of the current year.

2. The Council shall make their decision, as to the qualifications

results of the examination shall be included in the report to the General Synod. But the diplomas shall not be presented until the Commencement in June.

3. The annual examination of the Junior, Sophomore and Freshman Classes, shall be held during the Commencement week in June.

4. A programme of the order and times of examinations, in the various branches of instruction, shall be prepared by the Faculty, and submitted to the Council for approval.

5. Any Professor may conduct an examination in his branches of instruction during the year, with the previous approval of the Faculty; and the Faculty shall include in their annual report to the Council, a statement of the character, and results of such special examinations. This, however, shall not preclude the Council from a review of the classes, in any of the branches at the annual examination.

Fifth—of Commencement and Vacations.

1. The Annual Academic Commencement shall be held at a time determined by the Council.

2. The Summer Vacation shall extend from the Commencement to the beginning of the school year, on the third Wednesday of September.

3. There shall be a Winter Vacation of two weeks at the holidays, and a Spring Vacation of two weeks in the first part of April, the precise date of these latter vacations to be determined by the General Faculty.

III. PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

First—of Faculty.

1. The Faculty shall consist of the Rector, Tutors and Instructors appointed for that Department by the Council, with the Rector as President.

2. The Faculty shall hold regular meetings and keep regular minutes; and their book of minutes shall be laid on the table of Council, for examination, at the regular meeting in April.

3. The report of the Preparatory Department shall be prepared by the Faculty, and a certified copy thereof shall be sent to the President of the Institution in time for him to embody its substance in his Annual Report of the whole School.

4. The Faculty shall be officially notified, etc., (the remainder the same as in 4, under Academical Department).

5. (The same as 5, under Academical Department).

Second—of Students.

1. (The same as 1, under head of Academical Department).

Third—of Course of Study.

The course of study shall continue to be as presented on page 31 of the Catalogue, subject to such changes as may be directed by the Faculty, with the consent of the Council.

Fourth—of Examinations.

1. At the regular meeting of the Council in June, the *A* Class shall be examined in the studies of the current year, according to a programme arranged by the Faculty, and approved by the Council —which examination shall be conducted in the presence of the Academic Faculty.

2. The examination of the remaining classes shall be conducted at such time as may be determined by the Council.

3. Special examinations may be held during the year under the same regulations as prescribed for the Academic Department.

Fifth—of Commencement.

1. Such public exercises may be held as shall be recommended by the Faculty and approved by the Council.

(C) REQUISITES.

I. Building, Apparatus, etc.

1. The Council shall take suitable measures for maintaining and providing whatever may be requisite for the most efficient administration of the *Whole School*—such as Chapel, Lecture-rooms, Dor-

Reading-rooms, Grounds, etc.

2. There shall be a proper superintendence of the several interests, by officers appointed by and responsible to the Council.

3. The condition and needs of these various requisites shall be set forth in the annual report.

II. Department of Publication.

1. The property already secured by donation for the Publication Department of the Institution shall be devoted exclusively to that interest. But the Council shall have full power to lease the printing office, on advantageous terms.

2. The Council may continue to issue such occasional or regular publications as it may deem useful, either for the diffusion among the community of correct information as to the principles, progress and wants of the school; or for the dissemination of Theological, Scientific and Literary papers emanating from the Institution, or for the awakening of a more practical interest in behalf of comprehensive Christian education, together with other suitable articles that may aid in the circulation of their periodicals, or proper advertisements, that may help to sustain them.

III. The James Suydam Farm.

1. This tract shall be devoted to the establishment of a Scientific School, and it shall be managed in such a manner as to be both practically and financially, most promotive of the end in view.

2. Whenever there shall be sufficient revenue for the development of the scientific germ, it shall be included among the separate Departments of Instruction in the Institution.

3. In the administration of this trust, care shall be taken to afford to the students opportunities for recreation, and for the culture of æsthetics.

(A) SOURCES OF INCOME.

The sources from which the support of the Institution has been or may be derived, are the following:

1. Treasury of the Board of Education.
2. Contingent Donations.
3. Student Fees.
4. Endowments.
5. Real Estate.
6. Legacies.
7. Miscellaneous.

First—Board of Education.

1. The Board of Education is authorized and recommended to continue from year to year, such appropriations from the contingent donations to the treasury, as it may deem needful for the Institution—accordant with the sympathies and wishes of the contributors—proportionate to its other work—and consistent with its historical relations to the Institution, and with its powers as an organization of the Synod, to aid in the building of ecclesiastical schools.

2. The Board is authorized to ask and receive collections and donations on account of its appropriations to the Institution.

Second—Donations.

1. The Council is authorized and recommended to solicit and secure whatever donations may be necessary either to meet the current expenses of the Institution, or to promote its proper development as a School for our Church at the West.

2. This labor, however, shall not be pursued in any such way as to interfere with the system of the Board of Education.

Third—Fees.

The Council shall have authority to require such fees from students as it may deem expedient and necessary.

Fourth—Endowments.

1. The General Synod shall hold such endowment funds as are required by the preceding provisions; and until otherwise directed by the Synod, the interest therefrom shall be held subject to the order of the Treasurer of the Board of Education.

2. All other permanent funds shall be held by the Council.

Fifth—Real Estate.

1. The proceeds of real estate are to be employed in such ways as directed by the donors, at the times of the deeds.

2. Real estate devoted by the donor to any special purpose, and at his or her request, reserved for future value, shall be charged with the expense of its maintenance.

Sixth—Legacies.

The income of any legacies which do not specify for what particular Department they were designed, may be used by the Council for the School in general.

Seventh—Miscellaneous.

All income derived from miscellaneous sources, shall be annually reported to the General Synod.

(B) TREASURY.

1. The Council may appoint suitable agencies for the collection of endowment interest, fees or other income.

2. All income, from all sources, must be paid into the treasury before disbursement—except that the Board of Education may at its option continue its present method of payment.

3. The Treasurer of the Institution shall be appointed by the Council, and shall be required to give satisfactory bonds for the faithful discharge of his duties.

4. He shall pay out no moneys except on orders according to a system arranged by the Council.

5. He shall keep clear, systematic and faithful accounts and records, and lay them on the table of Council, whenever requested

to aid the Treasurer.

The Committee would state to the Synod, that the presented have been reached with entire unanimity. fervent prayer that the work of the Committee may p value and efficiency of the beloved Institution, whos have been under consideration, the foregoing is respe mitted.

PH. PELTZ,
ISAAC FER
H. D. GANS
ROBT. H. PI
JAMES SU

ALBANY, June 7, 1871.

Rev. David Cole was appointed to represent the Gen as member of the Council of Hope College.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

The Committee on the Professorate presented the fo port which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on the Professorate respectfully report

1. As to the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick

The Board of Superintendents report for the past attendance of five members of the Senior Class, sev Middle Class, and twelve of the Junior Class. One mem Middle Class has accepted an important position in Japa gone to his post. One member of the Junior Class has r another Theological Seminary on considerations of eco another is absent because of ill-health.

Complaint is made by the Board, of the neglect of th the Latin and Greek languages in many colleges that f dents for the Theological Seminary. To check this Committee recommend this action:

Resolved, That [illegible] admission to the Theological Seminary at [illegible] addition to presenting the usual Diploma, they satisfy the examining Committee that they have pursued the study of the Greek and Latin Classics to the end of their College course, subject to the discretion of the Board of Superintendents.

REV. JAS. A. H. CORNELL.

The services rendered by the Rev. Dr. Cornell in raising for the objects entrusted to his care over $200,000, are worthy of more than a general notice, and your Committee deem it only just to offer this resolution:

Resolved, That General Synod has heard with gratitude to the Giver of every good gift the success that has attended the efforts of the Rev. Dr. Cornell for the benefit of our Theological School.

Resolved, That the Synod commend Dr. Cornell and his work to all our Churches, in order that this cherished and important Institution may be put in the most efficient condition by the completion of projected improvements, and its permament endowment.

TWO LECTURESHIPS.

Last year the Board of Superintendents suggested the establishment of two lectureships in the Theological Seminary: one to treat of the connection of Science and Revelation, and the second to treat of the theory, practice and history of Ecclesiastical Music. The Synod respectfully asked the attention of the Professors who have in charge Pastoral Duties and Didactic and Polemic Theology, to the subjects indicated by the Board. This action of the Synod the Board now state to be unsatisfactory, and they reaffirm their former resolution. Recognizing the importance of thorough training upon these subjects, but aware also of the considerations which dictated the decision of last year, your Committee propose the following resolution:

Resolved, That General Synod brings to the notice of the friends of the Seminary the good service that might be rendered to that Institution by the establishment of lectureships on the relations of Science to Revelation, on Ecclesiastical Music, and also on Chris-

either or all these lectureships be provided, General Synod entrusts the appointment, remuneration and control of the lecturer or lecturers to the Board of Superintendents, until the next meeting of the General Synod.

LIBRARY AND HALL.

On the suggestion of the Board your Committee recommend the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the General Synod grant permission to the Standing Committee on the Theological Hall to use such sites on the premises of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall as may be deemed desirable for the new buildings to be erected for the use of the Seminary.

2. *Resolved*, That these two new buildings to be erected on the Seminary grounds by the liberal donations of Gardner A. Sage, and James Suydam, be denominated respectively "The Gardner A. Sage Library," and "The James Suydam Hall."

AS TO HOPE COLLEGE.

The Council of Hope College reports the attendance in the Theological Department of nine students, of whom three, being members of the Senior Class, were examined and recommended to the Theological Faculty for the usual certificates.

In the Academic Department 21 students, and in the Preparatory Department 57 students, have enjoyed the advantages of the Institution. In the endowment some advance has been made, and the Rev. Dr. Phelps has been relieved by the Council from other duties that he might prosecute that work. With the purpose of giving himself for the present to this service, Dr. Phelps has transmitted to General Synod his resignation of his Professorship of Exegetical Theology. Your Committee offer this resolution:

Resolved, That the resignation by Rev. Philip Phelps, D.D., of his Professorship of Exegetical Theology be hereby accepted, with the earnest hope that success in the endowment of Hope College may speedily restore him to more suitable service.

Your Committee recommend that any one who may be called to

labor in the East for the financial interests of Hope College, be hereby directed to keep himself in communication with the Board of Education, and to go to it for instruction and counsel, when, in any emergency, he is precluded by distance from consultation with the Council of Hope College.

Your Committee find that out of subscriptions made for the endowment of Hope College, $2,100 has been collected, and with the consent of the donors, loaned to Hollandish colonists in Virginia, at 6 per cent interest. The sole security for this loan seems now to be an agreement made by the Consistory of a Church, to cause certain parties to execute bonds and mortgages upon property owned by those parties for the sum borrowed. This is certainly something beyond the province of a Consistory, and the money has clearly been loaned without any security. But since the agent of Hope College, and those who gave the money, have chosen to make this disposition of it, with the purpose of making it ultimately available toward the endowment of Hope College, your Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That when the Council of Hope College shall have obtained bonds and mortgages on lands in Mattoax, Va., to secure the payment of $2,100, those securities shall be put in the custody of the Board of Direction, as a part of the invested Fund for the endowment of Hope College.

Your Committee note with satisfaction the communication from Professors Beck and Scott, announcing their consent to continue their service in the Theological Department of Hope College, according to the appointment made heretofore by General Synod.

Finally, your Committee desire to suggest that among the great things proposed to be done this year, it would be wise to include the endowment of a Professorship in the Theological Seminary at Hope College, and propose the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the interests of our Church at the West would be furthered, and a most important advance be made in the efficiency and stability of our educational Institutions there by the en-

dowment of a Professorship in the Theological Department of Hope College.

All which is respectfully submitted,

D. McL. QUACKENBUSH,

Chairman.

The Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary whose terms of service have expired.

Nominations were received from the Classes of Greene, Kingston, New Brunswick, Orange, Paramus, Schenectady and Ulster.

The Committee on Nominations repeated a double number of persons from whom to choose members for the Classes that have not made nominations.

The following were elected:

For the Classis of Greene, Rev. Anson F. Munn,
" Kingston, Rev. Philip Peltz,
" New Brunswick. Rev. John L. See, for unexpired term of Rev. C. D. Hartranft for one year.
" Orange, Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, for unexpired term of Rev. L. L. Comfort,
" Paramus, Rev. J. Paschal Strong,
" Schenectady, Rev. J. A. De Baun, for unexpired term of Rev. Denis Wortman,
" Ulster, Rev. M. L. Schenck,
" New York, Rev. Isaac Riley,
" Rensselaer, Rev. E. A. Collier,
" Holland, Rev. J. Vandermeulen,
" Illinois, Rev. Peter De Vree,
" Grand River, Rev. M. Kiekintveld.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions, with the exception of so much as refers to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Tho Thirty-ninth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was received and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions, with the exception of so much as refers to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions, was received and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee respectfully report:

No one can read the record of facts embraced in the Secretary's statement, and the conclusions drawn from them, without being impressed by a grateful sense of what God hath already wrought, and by a vivid conception of how many Providential openings for Christian work remain to be embraced. The survey of the year just past contains perhaps more than the usual mingling of light

various native agencies for Christian effort, the indications that G is opening new fields for our possession, declare the blessing of G upon our work, and exclude all presumption of the plea, "to wh purpose is this waste?" At the same time, the urgent need reinforcements to our wearied band of laborers, the cry of "e hausted treasuries," the brooding phantom of debt, and peculiar d ficulties confronting us in some portions of the great field, call f serious thought, and earnest effort and prayer.

In the general survey of the Missions, your Committee wou call attention to some very encouraging signs of progress India. The "Zenana" work undertaken by Miss Mandeville a Miss Chapin, commissioned during last year by the Board, is partic larly to be watched with interest and followed with prayers. Th department of labor moreover, invites the special co-operation the Christian women in our Churches. To utilize their influence this direction, the Board have already taken the preliminary ste by requesting pastors to organize in their respective Churches, w men's Missionary Societies auxiliary to the Board, with special r erence to assuming the support of Christian female teachers amo the heathen of their own sex. It is certain that heathen wom are now becoming accessible as they never have been before, Christian instruction. It is certain also that our Churches at ho deprive themselves of a great element of usefulness and source power, by not taking advantage more specifically of the influence Christian women in carrying on the Missionary work. The uni of these two objects, it is proposed to accomplish by such organi tions. Your Committee coincide in the decision of the Board, th the end may be better secured by the method proposed, than organizing, as has been done in other denominations, a distin "Woman's Board of Missions." In the opinion of your Committe this is neither advisable or necessary. The organization in ea Church should be auxiliary to our present Board; and female te chers who may offer themselves for this work among the heathe should be commissioned by, and come under the regulations of t Board.

The following action is recommended:

Resolved: That each pastor endeavor to comply as soon

the Church under his care, as a Missionary Society, auxiliary to the Board.

With great gratification, your Committee would also direct attention to the success which has attended the efforts of the Mission in India to form an efficient company of native helpers. We have here the germ of a large native pastorate, through whose labors the work in that field is sure at no distant day to be greatly expanded.

In China, the political state of the country furnishes us with no little anxiety for the future. The hatred of foreigners that seems to be reviving among all classes, the growing animosity of the literary and official class to the work of the Church of Christ, the efforts of Confucianists to excite the people to acts of violence, prepare us in some measure for any outbreak of popular rage that might occur. Yet we cannot feel that the Lord Almighty, who has thrown down so many of the old barriers in China to the progress of His truth, and so greatly blessed the beginnings of His work, will allow that work to be seriously retarded, or the shadow to go back upon the dial. Let the darkening prospects drive us with all the great persistency of pleading, to the mercy-seat. At the same time, brethren if your Committee may be allowed incidentally to express an, opinion, should the present state of things culminate in the evils that are feared, may it not be a serious question how far we may see in those evils the righteous retribution of God, for the treatment of the Chinese in our own land, who have placed themselves under the shelter of our boasted Christian civilization, and met with worse than barbarian abuse.

There is one feature of the work in Japan, which constrained your Committee to unite with the Board in the conviction that the time for some decisive action has arrived, and in the hope that such action may be productive of good. While the high confidence reposed by the Japanese authorities in our missionaries as instructors of their youth; the progress made in the translation of the Scriptures, as well as the fact that in very many cases the instructions given have resulted in the conversion of souls to Jesus, compel us to recognize an important work as carried on through our Mission: the consummation devoutly to be wished, the public preaching of the Gospel, is still prohibited under the severest penal-

Governments at the Court of Japan, including our own, have entered into agreement with that Court, making the preaching of the Gospel recognizable by them as an offence worthy of punishment. Believing that the representative of this Government should recede from a position so anomalous, and so inconsistent with our character as a Christian people, your Committee recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the Rev. John Forsyth M. S. Hutton, and the Elders Robert H. Pruyn, and S. B. Schieffelin, be appointed a Committee to present to the Government of the United States, the views of this Synod in relation to the rights and privileges of our Missionaries in Japan.

NEW FIELDS.

Your Committee will but allude to the two Indian agencies in Arizona, placed within the year, under the care of our Board, in which teachers and schools must of necessity be sustained, at an estimated cost of about $4,000 a year. Regarding the overture made to our Board to assume the care of certain congregations in and near the city of Mexico, your Committee feel that the Synod would not be justified in directing the Board to enter on this work at the present time.

NEW AGENCIES.

The instructions given by the Synod of last year to the Board to provide missionary boxes for family use, have been complied with to a limited extent. A part of your Committee can testify to the readiness and even the eagerness of the people to avail themselves of their use, and believe the same readiness will be exhibited wherever an effort is made to distribute them. The wisdom of this method of increasing contributions to the Board, will, we trust, be fully justified by the results. Therefore,

3. *Resolved:* That Pastors and Consistories be urged to call upon the Board for a sufficient number of the Boxes, to supply as many families as will receive and use them, or, at least to place one in each class of the Sabbath-schools.

school Missionary Fund greatly superior to that hitherto in us
also recommend the following action :

4. *Resolved:* That the Board be directed to prepare a circul
explaining the new features and advantages of the proposed Sa
bath-school Fund, and that Pastors be requested to lay the plan b
fore the Schools in connection with their Churches.

FINANCES.

The Financial aspect of the Board is either encouraging or di
heartening, according to the standpoint from which it is viewed. I
this Centennial year of our Synod, it is natural to look back. Th
Report this year presented by the Board is the Thirty-ninth An
nual Report, and the Fourteenth of separate action. Previous
assuming the responsibility of our own work, fourteen years ag
the contributions to Foreign Missions from our Churches nev
reached a higher figure than $15,000. Missions have grown up
our hands, new fields been opened, and new calls are continual
coming. As the work of the Board has expanded, its receip
have likewise increased, and at the present time, the Reform
Church contributes a larger amount to Foreign Missions, in propo
tion to her membership, than any other denomination in the lan
with the one exception of the Moravians, who give an annual avera
of $18 per member. But there is no room for boasting here. Th
question still remains whether we give according to the measure
our ability. To this question we can safely answer, no. Th
exception we have named shows what can be done. The call
enter new fields, and to reinforce those already occupied, shows wh
must be done, if we will follow where our Master manifestly lead
Your Committee feel that the $83,000 the Board asks for th
coming year, is no heavy weight for the Church to carry—na
$100,000, were it called for,—if we will do more than mere
resolve, and go and *act*: if Pastors and Consistories will keep befo
the minds of the people, as it should be kept, that God is putti
the limits of our benevolence at an ever further remove.

Of this $83,000 wanted, $22,000 is debt. It is gratifying to a
nounce that during the year, the debt has been reduced by $13,00
This reduction the Board ascribes to the promptness with whi

Churches responded to the appeals for collections during the summer months, thereby necessitating the borrowing of only $2,000 in a portion of the year in which it had usually been needful to borrow from $10,000 to $20,000. The same promptness, only on the part of a greater number, should be repeated during the present summer. Let the Board "tide over" this season without the necessity of borrowing a single dollar, and we are assured that "the usual income of the later months of the fiscal year," will probably remove the debt altogether. Therefore,

Resolved: That all the Pastors and Consistories be urgently requested to see to it that a special collection for the Board of Foreign Missions be taken during the present summer months.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

OLIVER E. COBB, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Domestic Missions presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund beg leave to report.

We have had submitted to us the Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions and the Treasurer's accounts of the Board of Domestic Missions and the Church Building Fund, also two extracts from the Minutes of the Classis of Illinois, one urging upon this Synod to appoint some Western men upon the Board of Domestic Missions, and the other asking this Synod, in view of the urgent need of the Western field, to appoint a special agent to go among our Churches and solicit contributions to the Church Building Fund; also a resolution providing for the appointment of a special agent to have charge of the Sabbath school interest of the Church to solicit funds for this interest, and to establish Sunday schools where they may be needed.

Your Committee have carefully considered all these papers. The Report of the Corresponding Secretary will be printed with the Synod's Minutes, and will go out to the Churches, abundantly able to speak for itself. It presents facts and considerations of vital importance. All the agencies of our Church for doing the work of the Master are dear to our hearts, nor should one be exalted at the

read the report of the Board, were alive to the fact that just now the indications of Providence are pointing to the home work as the main work of the Church. Our policy in the past was always to cherish the Board of Foreign Missions as its foremost benevolent agency for the spread of the Gospel over the world; and now the Committee would not detract from the importance of that Board, nor say anything that would imply a diminished sense of its value, but recent events show that God is opening a new and unthought of way to his Church for the evangelization of the world. Vast tides of emigration are flowing to our shores, and in the providence of God, the foreign field is at home. Every indication calls for many times as great an effort and many times as great a contribution in and to the home work as we give to the foreign. Let us devote our minds and hearts and time and subsistence to them both. Let us not forget our noble Foreign Board! Let us not do less for it, but more! But oh, that the Church might wake to the pressing calls and urgent needs of our home field! Two considerations ought to quicken us to this.

1. Duty to ourselves demands it.

The ships that bring their living surging masses to our shores, are messengers to us of life or death. They bring to us each day the degradation of the old world—the downcast and the oppressed, the dark and the untaught, the superstitious and the stupid, the rationalist and the infidel, the vicious and the evil. To receive this accession to our population and fail to promptly meet it with the Gospel of Christ, is to attaint and to imperil our people and our morals, to lower our intellectual standard, to endanger our free institutions, to poison the very springs of our life. *Self-protection*, therefore, demands that the Church shall at once meet these dark and sinful masses with the Gospel, and exert itself for their evangelization. But,

2. Who can overlook the *use* which may be made of these people if we can only bring them to the knowledge of the truth, and send them back in considerable numbers to their own lands to preach the Gospel to their countrymen.

Even if we look to the Foreign work, it must strike every one that this is the most effective way in which to perform it. Is any one's heart deeply moved for the benighted of distant heathen

lands? Let him not doubt that the cheapest, quickest and best way to reach them now is to take their own men, used to their own climate, native to their language, familiar with their educational superstitions and prejudices, teach them the Bible; bring them by God's grace to a saving knowledge of the truth, and send them back to tell what they have seen and heard and felt, and to impart their own light and life. Let the Church give all the money it pleases to the Foreign Board. More than ever let it give. It can and ought to *lavish* money on it. But let it pour its offerings like the rain into the hands of this Domestic Board. Its work is now a great and pressing work. Will the Church arise to a sense of its duty to the Master and souls, and do it now?

The Board of Domestic Missions has found itself sorely tried in the work opening before it by certain restrictions put upon it by acts of our General Synod, by which it is confined in its operations to the already existing centres of population and lines of railroad. The Secretary states that these centres and lines are often preoccupied by other denominations, and our own better chances would be oftentimes in places from which the Board is now excluded by the rules of Synod. The Board asks to be relieved from these restrictions by the rescinding of these rules.

The Board has also found itself further embarrassed, also by a confusion of ideas either on its own part or on the part of the Board of Publication, in regard to the respective duties of these Boards. When the Synod's Board of Sabbath School Union was abolished in 1862, its work was given over to the Board of Domestic Missions. It seems necessary, however, to define more clearly the respective relations of the Board of Domestic Missions, and the Board of Publication, to the Sabbath school work. The Board of Domestic Missions asks the Synod to give into its hands the entire Sabbath school interest, except the preparation of a suitable literature for the schools, which is of course the appropriate charge of the Board of Publication.

The statistics of the operations of the Board and of the Church Building Fund are furnished in the report of the Secretary and and the Treasurer.

The important revelation of these reports is that the Board of Domestic Missions is pressed with a debt of $18,000, and the

Church Building Fund with a debt of $5,602 97. These debts are not the results of carelessness or of want of financial skill, but in part of the loss for the past two years of income from legacies, together with the heavy revenue taxes and interest on loans, and in part of the heavy pressure of calls for help which the Board cannot wholly resist, even though they have not the means to meet them. They come before the Church with the statement of these embarrassments, conscious that they do not merit censure for them, but are entitled to sympathy and prompt relief from them.

In view of all that has been submitted to them, the Committee offer for the adoption of the Synod the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this General Synod regards with deepest interest the indications of Divine Providence in respect to the value and surpassing importance of our Home work of church extension, and commend it to our Churches with unusual earnestness, asking on its behalf immediate and thoughtful consideration, and enjoining our people to increase their gifts very far beyond all precedent, that the Board of Domestic Missions may not be embarrassed in its work by the want of means.

Resolved, That this Synod remove from the Board all restrictions, upon its field of operations, leaving the Board to its own judgment, guided by the leadings of Providence, in regard to the places whither it shall send men and where it shall build churches.

Resolved, That the Synod, in view of the clear necessity for vast increase of activity in our Western Field, do hereby recommend the Board of Domestic Missions to appoint the Rev. Edward P. Livingston, or in case of his failure to accept the appointment, such other brother as the Board may select, to visit our churches and solicit contributions to the Church Building Fund.

Resolved, That the Synod commit the entire Sabbath school interest, except the preparation and supply of a suitable literature for the schools, which appropriately belongs to the Board of Publication, to the Board of Domestic Missions.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DAVID COLE,
GEO. H. PEEKE,
ISAAC H. HARTLEY,
E. M. HOFF,
JOHN DORRANCE,

Committee.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, the Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions whose terms of office have expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were elected: Rev. Isaac Ferris, A. P. Van Gieson, Joseph Scudder, John Forsyth, W. J. R. Taylor, Mr. Garret J. Blauvelt, James A. Williamson, Jacob L. Sutphen.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, the Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Domestic Missions whose terms of office have expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were elected: Rev. William Ormiston, C. I. Shepard, O. E. Cobb, Goyn Talmage, E. P. Livingston, Mr. S. R. W. Heath, John A. Hardenbergh, S. B. Stewart.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, The Central Reformed Church of Plainfield, N. J., has requested the Board of Domestic Missions to raise the first mortgage held by said Board upon said property, for $5,000, and secure the loan from the Building Fund by a second mortgage of like amount, therefore,

Resolved, That the request of the Reformed Church of Plainfield, being inconsistent with the Constitution of the Church Building Fund, it be not granted.

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' AND DISABLED MINISTERS' FUNDS.

Several applications for aid from the Disabled Ministers' Fund were received and referred to the Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds.

The Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds presented the following report which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Disabled Ministers' and Widows' Funds find the applications for assistance conformable to existing regulations, with an exception or so, as follows:

Rev. R. W. Knight for $150, Mrs. Nanning Bogardus, $150, and Rev. A. C. Hillman, $300, from the time his present aid expires.

The above were recommended by the Committees of the different Classes and endorsed by their Stated Clerks.

The Classis of New York send their usual recommendation to the same Fund, that of the Disabled Ministers', for Rev. Dr. Marselus, $300, Rev. T. B. Gregory, $300, and for Miss Mary Anna May $200, all for the current year.

The Classis of Albany recommend for the Rev. H. Slauson the sum of $200.

In both of the above Classes no mention is made of the action of the Committees required by General Synod to attend to this particular.

To the same Fund application is made in behalf of Mrs. Searle, widow of the late Jeremiah Searle, to the amount of $100, the Stated Clerk giving the information and assurance that hereafter the order of the Synod as to the Committee shall not be neglected.

The informality brought to view, as well as that of the other two Classes, if it exists, will not perhaps, prevent General Synod from granting promptly and heartily the aid and comfort requested from their hands.

The Lord has been pleased to give to our Church, in this department of its benevolent operations, the opportunity of sweetly experiencing what his word declares, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and of doing not only to the least but to some of the greatest of his brethren what he will regard as having been done to himself.

Resolved, Therefore, that these applications be granted and paid by the Treasurer.

Because of the informalities adverted to, and the serious inconveniences that follow, as also the circumstance that almost instant relief may be imperative but cannot be obtained by the present process, the more to facilitate what is so desirable and praiseworthy, it is therefore

Resolved, That application for aid from the Disabled Ministers' Fund be sent hereafter to the Board of Direction, having been before the proper Committee, determined by the Classis, and certified by the Clerk, distinctly stating the sum needed:

That the Board of Direction be empowered to make grants on such occasions, and shall present a full report of the receipts, dis-

Treasurer's account duly audited, each year, to the General Synod.

No particular, touching the "Widows' Fund" has been presented for consideration, your Committee however cannot refrain from saying what has been fully stated and satisfactorily proved by its warm friends and advocates, that it serves as a good and safe insurance and deserves far more generally than it receives the patronage of our Churches.

Sustained as it should be, no widow whose husband has lived and toiled and died in the harness would want for bread, raiment or shelter. Thus, too, might be brought to operate more efficiently and strikingly that living sympathy which binds saints together on earth, and constrains them gladly—jubilantly even—to share their burthens—if not to remove them quite—with the glowing evidence in their bosoms that they are all on the way to that fairer world, where they will behold, enjoy and celebrate the glory of their exalted Redeemer, and reign with him forever.

By order of the Committee respectfully submitted,

ISAAC S. DEMUND, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Seventeenth Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication, with the exception of so much as refers to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Publication would respectfully report, that the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Board, together with the Report of the Treasurer for the year ending May 1st, has been placed in their hands.

In regard to the Report of the Corresponding Secretary, while we would testify to the clearness with which its main facts are pre-

interest and value would be greatly enhanced. As the Report will be published in connection with the Minutes of Synod, a recapitulation of its details by the Committee is needless. The year that has closed presents to the Synod the cheering evidence of success, and increased prosperity in this important department of our church work. There has been a deeper interest felt in this cause on the part of Pastors and Consistories, as is exhibited in the increased number of contributing Churches, and the amounts received into the Treasury. The Board records with thanksgiving that they are now able to count on the sympathy and co-operation of nearly the whole Denomination.

Omitting all details, the following condensed statement will exhibit the actual amount of work accomplished, and the present condition of the Board.

From the report of the Treasurer we find that the amount of donations received from all sources, embracing contributions from Churches, Sabbath-schools and individuals, reaches the sum of $10,809 41. Of which amount $5,373 27, has been paid into the Endowment Fund which now amounts to about $13,000.

The sales from the Depository, exclusive of the Sower and Gospel Field, is $15,102 76.

The total amount received from sales and contributions from the Churches, exclusive of the Endowment, and which must be reckoned as the current receipts for the year, is $20,537 90.

The funded debt has been reduced to $5,668 79.

The stock and fixtures is estimated at $35,349 80. To which amount add the book account and incidentals, and we have as the total assets of the Board $47,706 59.

The total increase in favor of the Board is $6,890 83.

Passing from the Financial statement to the Publishing department, we find that twelve new books have been issued during the year, numbering 12,150 copies; and eighteen editions of former publications have been republished, numbering 26,000 copies.

Grants of Books and Tracts have been made to the amount of $1068 50. Of which sum $600 was appropriated to print the

Heidelberg Catechism in the Tamil language; and the balance to supply feeble Churches with publications of the Board, and to replenish Sabbath school libraries.

From the above statement the Synod is in possession of the fact that the Board is steadily prosecuting its work, and enlarging the field of its operations as rapidly as the Church furnishes the facilities. The officers are diligent and indefatigable in their labors, and with the cordial co-operation of the whole Church this Board will prove an important agent in extending the knowledge of our Denomination, and prove an efficient instrument in building up the Redeemer's kingdom.

Your Committee notice with approval, that in response to the action of the last General Synod, the Sower and Gospel Field has been issued semi-monthly since the first of January last, and the favor with which it has been received is evidenced in its large circulation. An edition is now printed of about ten thousand, and the list of subscribers is constantly increasing. We would again call the attention of Pastors and Consistories to the fact, that this paper is the accredited organ of our Church, is under our immediate control, and at a very small expense is placed within reach of all our families. The attention which has been bestowed upon it, both in the Editorial and Publishing departments, entitles it to the confidence and patronage of the whole Church.

Your Committee regard the benevolent operations of the Board with interest. This is an important feature of its work, and the advance in this department is full of encouragement. From year to year we shall expect that grants of books and tracts will be more frequent, and that the Sabbath-school libraries at the West will be largely replenished by the benevolence of the Board. This branch is receiving proper attention, and if the Church will furnish the means, liberal things will be employed in bestowing a Christian literature to the destitute portions of our country.

Our Church work in every department is growing upon us in interest. Thousands are coming to our shores. The children of our Church are penetrating the West far beyond the established ordinances of the sanctuary. Calls for evangelization are increasingly earnest. And in the various agencies which are employed we

Church should have a proper share of attention.

In closing the report your Committee would submit to the Synod the following action:

Resolved: That in view of the growing importance of the Christian press as a means of Gospel publication, this Synod urgently recommends to our Churches to increase their contributions to the Board of Publication, and in providing books for Sabbath-schools, to patronize as far as may be possible the Depository of our Board.

Resolved: That with a view to furnish more extended information among the Churches in regard to our benevolent operations, it be urged upon Pastors and Consistories to secure the widest circulation practicable of the Sower and Gospel Field.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD H. STEELE, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, the Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Publication whose terms of service have expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following persons were elected: Rev. Thomas DeWitt, E. S. Porter, W. R. Gordon, Zachary Eddy, Mr. Jonathan S. Burr, J. S. Woodward, William T. Runk, Stephen G. Bogert.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The Van Benschoten Bequest was read.

Resolved, That 250 copies of the roll of the Synod be printed for the use of the members.

A Committtee consisting of Rev. R. W. Clark, H. M. Voorhees, David Cole, was appointed on the supply of the Churches in Albany during the session of Synod.

The following Minute was adopted:

Desiring to express our gratitude to God for the preservation of our Church on this Continent for a period of 250 years, and to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the Convention of Ministers and Elders of our Church, held in the city of New York, in 1771, from which we date the origin of the General Synod.

appointed by the chair, to report some suitable plan for memorial services and contributions in which the entire denomination may participate. The following were appointed: Rev. E. S. Porter, John Forsyth, N. D. Williamson, A. G. Vermilye, J. Howard Suydam. Elders Pruyn, S. B. Schieffelin, D. S. Jones, J. Hasbrouck, John Van Horn.

Rev. D.D. Demarest, Stated Clerk, presented his resignation to take effect June 1, 1872, at the close of the present ecclesiastical year.

The resignation was accepted, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod has received with regret the resignation of Dr. Demarest, and hereby record its hearty approbation of his fidelity, in the discharge of the duties of his office.

An election was held for Stated Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef.

The office of Permanent Clerk having been made vacant by the election of Stated Clerk, an election was held for Permanent Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Rev. William H. Ten Eyck.

It was Resolved that the salary of the Stated Clerk be increased to $250 a year, to take effect from June 1st, 1871.

Resolved, That the salary of the Permanent Clerk be increased to $100, a year, to take effect from June 1st, 1872.

The Committee on the Centennial presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Special Committee on the Centennial of the General Synod, respectfully reports as follows:

Your Committee believe, that gratitude for her past history and hope for her future career, ought to incite the Reformed Church in this country to make signal proof of her increasing zeal, in furthering the good and great work entrusted to her care.

Foremost among the Historical Churches of the Continent of Europe in sufferings, she was there distinguished also as the Pioneer of Civil and Religious liberty, and as the result of her patient and heroic triumphs, the Netherlands erected into a Republic, became a refuge for the oppressed, and the steadfast protector of that

Catholic communion, which restored worship, doctrine and practice to apostolic purity and simplicity.

Not content with labors within her national territory, the Reformed Church in Holland early sought and secured the holding of a general representative assembly, wherein the symbols of an œcumenical faith, based on the Apostle's Creed, were formerly adopted. These symbols connected the Church, by a true order of succession, with the apostolic age, and laid her foundations as broad as the life of Catholic evangelical piety.

Divested from her beginning of every trace of sect or schism, the Reformed Church of Holland maintained the unity of the Spirit, in her intercourse and correspondence with other branches, and thus exemplified in practice the true theory of the union of different denominations, under the Supreme Headship of Jesus Christ.

The formularies of the Reformed Church were adopted nearly one hundred years before the Assembly of Westminster divines had been convened, and from the date of their adoption, 1564, until now, they have been accepted everywhere and at all times, as embodying the faith of the whole body of the Reformed, wherever found or however designated.

Planted on these shores, with the first immigrants from Holland, the Reformed Church, through a period of two hundred and fifty years (and therefore the oldest Protestant Church on this Continent), has occupied her field and cultivated it according to her ability, growing not indeed so rapidly as other communions, but maintaining with fidelity, both her ground of occupancy, and her standing of Christian doctrine and duty.

Circumstances well known, for a long while limited her plans and impeded her progress, but like the oak that toughens its fibres in winter's cold, and braves unharmed the shock of summer's storms, she has sent her roots downward, and spread her branches heavenward, for on her have descended blessings, better than the dew of Hermon, or the sunshine, that once embathed the stately palms of Elim. The Spirit of the Highest has strengthened her, and made her a beauty and a praise in the earth.

It must however be seen and acknowledged, that the progress which the Reformed Church has been able to make hitherto, has

taken more the shape of an encouraging promise, than of satisfying achievement. Within the last twenty-five years, the hopes of her members have been stimulated from year to year by successes at home and abroad.

At length, in the *one hundredth* year of her present synodical organization, the Reformed Church in America finds herself confronted with great duties and large opportunities. Her work has been of late so highly prospered, that it commands her with an inspired voice to "arise and shine, for the glory of the Lord hath come" upon her people and her sanctuaries.

To your Committee has been assigned the task of devising and commending some worthy plan, whereby our entire denomination may be enabled to share in the grateful work of fitly celebrating with hearty praise and generous thank offerings, this Centennial year of its ecclesiastical history.

Your Committee advise that this General Synod adopt measures to raise during the coming year one million of dollars, independent of the ordinary contributions to Church Boards, as a Centennial Fund for denominational uses hereinafter specified, and by adoption of the following methods.

First. That this Synod set apart one of its daily sessions for special thanksgiving and praise to God for what great things he hath done for us as a Church, and especially for crowning many of our undertakings with liberal favor.

Second. That the Synod recommend and affectionately enjoin upon every pastor or stated supply under its jurisdiction, the duty of preaching on Sabbath, Oct. 15th next, a discourse to his congregation on the present condition, prospects and encouragements of the denomination.

Third. That the respective Classes be advised and requested to make arrangements at their next semi-annual sessions, for holding within their bounds one or more conventions, to be composed of the Pastors, Elders and Deacons of each Church, together with as many of the people of neighboring congregations as may be assembled. The intent of these proposed conventions will be understood as including all such practical expositions of the general or special work of the Church, claiming the prayers and liberalities of its friends.

In addition to these particular recommendations touching methods to be employed for calling forth the grateful hearts of people of our entire communion, your Committee are of opin that the General Synod should extend a wide latitude to all w may be disposed to share in this general memorial movement, a invite special labors for whatever special objects may come wit its scope.

To render this feature of the plan more definite, it is propose that in computing the amount of the Centennial Fund, all moni raised for the liquidation of debt on churches or denomination institutions; all sums contributed for the erection of new churche parsonages, or improvements thereon; all special gifts to Colleges Schools or Seminaries in connection with our denomination, withi the year, intervening between this and the next Synod, be re ported to the special Committee having these matters in charge, and by them counted as a proper part of the work to be done. In order, however, to obtain a large addition to the force of our several agencies for church edification and extension, it is needful that a strenuous, concerted and cheerful effort be made to secure special donations from every family, and if it be possible from every individual member of our denomination. The special rules and regulations under which this effort shall be prosecuted may be safely left to the special Committee herein after named.

Your Committee think it proper, however, to suggest that the monies raised directly and expressly for this proposed Centennial Fund, should be considered as pledged to church extension, and that they be applied in the absence of specific direction, to the large increase of the Church Building Fund, the removal of existing debt from our several Boards and Theological Schools, the sustentation of Disabled Ministers, and the establishment of Security Funds for the Boards of the Church Missions.

To carry this movement through to a successful issue, the Church will need to abound in prayer, to have a single eye to its grand and inviting work, and all its pastors, teachers and members may be implored to see eye to eye.

To supervise, aid and counsel this movement in its inception and progress to its close, it is recommended that a Committee of ten, composed of three clergymen and seven laymen be appointed by this

Synod, with authority to employ a competent Secretary for this special service, said Committee are hereby instructed to fix a ratio of distribution of money received among the several objects named, on the basis of their present ratio of income, making exception in favor of the Church Building Fund for which at least One Hundred Thousand dollars are quite imperatively needed.

The Special Committee shall have power to fill vacancies should they occur, and are directed to report in detail all their action and proceedings to the General Synod in June, 1872.

All moneys received for this Centennial Fund, shall, when received, be paid over to the Treasurer of General Synod, and by him apportioned under the order of the Special Committee, or two thirds of the members thereof, when regularly convened.

E. S. PORTER, *Chairman.*

The following Committee on Centennial Memorial was appointed: Rev. E S. Porter, H. D. Ganse, R. W. Clark, A. C. Van Raalte, James Demarest, Jr., W. J. R. Taylor; Elders, S. R. W. Heath, Gardner A. Sage, James A. Williamson, James Myers, Daniel S. Jones, John A. Hardenbergh, Wm. R. Janeway.

Resolved, That the above Committee shall have power to appoint Committees of four each in the various Particular Synods, as may be necessary for the carrying on of their work.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Pastors of the Churches within the bounds of our Synod, to prepare during the present year a full and correct history of the Churches over which they are settled, and that a copy of the same be deposited in the Library of the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick.

ARTICLE XXII.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

After reading of the Minutes on the morning of each day's session, a half hour was spent in devotional exercises.

One hour was spent on the afternoon of the first day of the session in devotional exercises.

On the afternoon of the second day of the session, the sacra.

ton, administered with accompanying exercises.

The Secretaries of the Boards were heard on the morning of the third day of the session, after which a free interchange of opinion on the subjects introduced by them was held.

On the evening of the third day of the session, a meeting for the promotion of Practical Religion was held.

A sermon on Benevolence was preached on the evening of the sixth day of the session, by Rev. Prof. S. M Woodbridge, from Mat. 5 : 44-48.

Rev. Rufus W. Clark was chosen Primarius, and Rev. William V. V. Mabon, Secundus, to preach the sermon on Benevolence at the next stated session.

Resolved, That the Boards of Education, of Foreign Missions Domestic Missions, and of Publication, be directed hereafter to present their Annual Reports to the General Synod in a printed form.

Resolved, That whenso presented, they shall be severally referred to the appropriate Committees, and that all debate and remark upon the same, and the statements of the Secretaries, shall be heard by Synod when the reports of the standing Committees shall be considered and come up for adoption.

Resolved, That Rule of Order No. 25 be amended, so as to read, *A Morning* session shall be devoted, &c.

TABULAR STATEMENT

Of the Contributions made during the year ending April 30, 1871, by the several Churches, to the (denominational) Boards and Funds recommended by Synod, each sum comprising the total amount received from each Church, whether by church collections or otherwise.

[See Synod Proceedings, June, 1862, p. 212]

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Albany							
First Albany	.....	420	510	936 03			
Second Albany	100	352 58	265 44	100 81	.....	.	38
Third Albany	22 75	15 75	29	11 10	.....	30	16
Fourth Albany	24 26	10	12	5			
Holland, Albany	. ...	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Second Berne	... .	17	38	5	.....	.....	5
First Bethlehem	67	110 15	151 40	55			
Second Bethlehem	40 19	82 02	47 54	40			
Clarksville	.....	4					
Coeymans	18	40	17 26	17 16			
Jerusalem	12 38	12	24				
Knox	.....	21 21	24 60	5 19	.....	....	5
New Baltimore	15 1[illegible]	....	81 28	22 37			
New Salem	8 02	5 27	23 37	8 85	2	4 75	5 94
Onisquethaw	3 62	4	9 10				
Union							
Westerlo	10	24	40				
Classis of Arcot							
Classis of Bergen							
English Neighborhood	13	22	30	6	21	20 20	
First Hackensack	.....	342 45	350	50			
Schraalenberg	25 81	145 51	16 15	21 02			
New Durham	55	66 34	126				
First Hoboken	10	30	.....	19 88			
Third Jersey City	42 81	86 40	140 07	19 43	25 20	.....	42 75
German North Bergen	10	2					
Second Hackensack	.....	53 21	87 28				
German Hoboken	....	11 77	12 50				
German Hackensack	.....	10					
Closter City	.....	64 33	.	60			
Palisades	.....	41 25					
Guttenburg	.....	8 70	4 50				
S. Classis of Bergen							
Bergen	59 98	181 92	497 69	23 08		.	
Belleville	24	240 70	158 73	10			
First Jersey City	.....	127 01	1079 27	105			
Bergen Neck	17 18	26 61	12 96	10 11	10 35	.....	4 32
First Newark	....	362 58	597 38	. ..	20	....	66 50
Irvington	18 85	69 20	35 20	28 12	... .	... ..	14 65
First Van Vorst	78 19	308 91	285 23	140 07	28 89	.....	16 71

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
S. Classis of Bergen CONTINUED.							
Second Newark	28 96	44 30	176 19	13 55	8 02	8 03	19 60
Bergen Point	40	150	416	70	.....	35	67 50
Franklin	10	54 42	20	5			
North Newark	59	716 75	1029 87	82	98 25	.....	111 11
Second Hudson City	6	22 25	8 75				
Lafayette	33	165 50	332 50	26 75	48 50	51	62
West Newark	3	2 58	2				
Clinton Av, Newark	32	.....	280 30	23 50			
East Newark	6 35	94 60	73 05	8	8	.....	30
West End, Jersey City	.....	225	.....	1 85			
Classis of Cayuga							
Canastota	12 38	4	24 80	7			
Chittenango	20 20	37 69	84 81	48 75	12 18	.....	10
Cicero							
Lysander	.....	.....	6 75				
Naumburgh	4 75	10 50	4 15				
New Bremen	2 07	5					
Owasco	199 22	158 41	43 47				
Owasco Outlet	11 05	2 75	7 75	6			
Syracuse	34 75	197 66	125 62	.....	25 58	30 25	18 55
Thousand Isles	.....	85					
Utica	317 70	642 40	517 85				
West Leyden	6 50	36	9				
C. of Grand River							
Fremont Centre	.....						
Grand Haven	.....	46 14	53 11	19 64			
Grand Rapids	50	94 85	62 50				
Grandville	.....	54	8 50	.....	.....	.....	40
Kalamazoo	10	.....	10				
Muskegon	5	20	20	.....	.....	.....	25
Polkton	.....	26	4	5			
Spring Lake	7 88	21 15	.....	7 19			
Classis of Geneva							
Ithaca	36 17	21 22	271 68	24 37	.....	17 15	
Geneva	54	154 01	182	35	11 36	11 36	23
Farmer Village	13 57	68 30	60	8 74			
Lodi	8 48	49 12	17	11 95	.....	.....	8 63
Arcadia							
Tyre	2 25	3 25	3 75	2 25			
Caroline							
Wolcott	25 50	35	30	13			
Buffalo	.....	11					
Rochester	31	70	121 80	18 72			
Clymer	18	10	57				
Mina Corners	10	23	25	5			
Cato	16 50	20	12 71				
Cleveland	14 50	26 92	29 07	9 81	6 62	6 62	12 06
Dunkirk							
Clymer Village	.....	21 40					
Pultneyville	.....	.....	10				
East Williamson	8	10 85					
Athens	.....	6 95	6 95				
Classis of Greene							
First Athens	17 12	31 80	27 50	7 28			
Second Athens							

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Minister Fund.	Church
Classis of Greene CONTINUED.							
Catskill	33 62	64	72 51	140			
First Coxsackie	...	8 80	32 40	7 10			
Second Coxsackie	29 47	73 92	91 37	70 06	6 26	...	
Kiskatom	15	31 43	66 39	9			
Leeds	7	23	54 41	7			
Moresville and South Gilboa	...	...	10				
	...	...	...	15 58			
Prattsville	...	8 10	...	44			
Roxbury	10	14	12 06	171 67			
Classis of Holland							
Amelia, Virginia	20	25	20				
Beaverdam							
Chula, Va.							
Drenthe	...	31	47 50				
Ebenezer	9 10	12 55	4 30				
Fynaart							
Graafschap	6 50	9					
First Holland	38	27 50	121 10	2 50			
Third Holland	68	15 75	106 80	17			
Jamestown							
Mattoax, Va							
North Holland	...	43 50					
Overyssel	24 27	44	38	15 75			
Saugatuck	...	21 50	10				
Vriesland	22 50	36	184 28	5			
Zeeland	...	25	32				
Hamilton	...	4					
Classis of Hudson							
Hudson	361	323 40	602 47	33 09	25	25	8
First Claverack	31	32	463 81	...	...	...	1
Second Claverack	70	56 75	233 23	61 90	32 49	23 25	4
Linlithgow	12	47 75	49 30	8 43			
Greenport	...	50	79 50				
Germantown	16	66 50	56 50	11 25	...	7	1
Upper Red Hook	17 32	20	25 02	38 30			
Greenbush	...	35					
Taghkanic	...	...	25				
Classis of Illinois							
Fair View	10 57	...	75 36	9 66	...	9 18	4
Pekin							
Spring Lake	7 20	16 60	8 05	7 19	2 75		
Raritan	7	...	25 20	18 35			
Bushnell	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Davenport	...	9 33	20 50	9	...	...	8
Second Pella	3	32	19 75	3	5 65	8 45	
Havana							
First Pella	15 15	68	80 70	7 60	20	13 75	8
Bethel	3 50	18	13 52	5	3		
Leyden Centre	...	37					
Third Pella							
American, Chicago	37 58	139 02	27 68	20			
Fourth Pella							

CHURCHES.	Education	Domestic Missions	Foreign Missions	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers
Classis of Monmouth						
First Freehold	...	98 67	202 03	9		
Second Freehold	78 55	89 37	48 27			
Holmdel	60	144 51	103 15	10	.....	2
Spottswood	.....	45 73	15 67			
Middletown	9 19	18 84	12	9 80		
Keyport	21	12 56	79 88			
Long Branch	15	35	15	15	5	
Colt's Neck	10	6	16 63	5	5	
C. of Montgomery						
Auriesville	.....	.....	.....	10		
Canghnawaga	10	50	40	120	.....	....
Canajoharie	.....	18 64				
Columbia						
Currytown	11	28 65	58 48			
Ephratah	.....	.....	.....	2		
Florida	.....	20	25			
Fort Plain						
Fort Herkimer						
Fultonville	.....	19 10	.....	10		
Glen	.....	18	46	42 46	.....	...
Hagaman's Mills	22 55	24 50	38 65	16 26		
Henderson						
Herkimer	.....	22 20	21 78			
Indian Castle	.....	.....	8 85			
Manheim	.....	15	20	10		
Mapletown	4 50	14 43	.....	5		
Mohawk	.....	47				
Port Jackson	.....	20	18			
St. Johnsville	35 42	21 82	17 05	60		
Stone Arabia	5	.....	5			
Sprraker's Basin	.....	9 39	3 55	30		
Tillaborough						
C. of New Brunswick						
First New Brunswick	276 20	382	435 24	51 14	42 34	10
Six Mile Run	37 80	359 98	802 13	469 55	20	
Hillsborough	33 10	12 20	92 64	....	8 37	....
Middlebush	50	72 98	217 25	27 60		
Griggstown	8 50	108	100	6 50	7	
Second New Brunswick	262 68	148 42	971 98	18 35	.....	....
Bound Brook	.....	28 57	28 57			
Third New Brunswick	5	.....	13			
East Millstone	17 28	30	40	10	.....	....
Metuchen	7 87	24 56				
Classis of New York						
Collegiate, New York	1263 04	2050 25	3665 69	951 60	47 18	4
Thirty-fourth Street	280	174	152 28	45 10	88	2
St. Paul's	78 62	41 91	38 19	32 13	.....	8
Madison Avenue	74 95	240 86	318 41	38 85	19 41	1
Germ. Ev Mission	67 86	30	130 19	55	10	1
Bloomingdale						
Harlem	262	139 17	446 54	93 80	26 98	2
Mott Haven	.....	43 86	44 69			
Staten Island	20	50	20	.....	20	2
Richmond, S. I.	.....	20 17				
Huguenots, S. I.	3 86	40 47	18 85	3 38	.....	....
Fourth German	.....	15	11			

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CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of New York CONTINUED.							
Prospect Hill	87	90	98	17	12	12	22
Holland	....	10 84		5 36			
South New York	557 74	720 59	2,295 37	25	.....	.....	100
South New Haven, Ct.	....						
Brookfield, Ct.	....	63 85	..	10			
S. Classis of N. Y.							
Brighton Heights	34	65	67 96				
Washington Square	200	287 58	318 41	20	.....	.....	80
Manhattan	.....	35					
Bushwick	....	38	12 76				
Union 6th Avenue	....	40 70	57 25				
German Ref. P. Church	....	95					
Classis of Orange							
Beres	9	19	20	8	5	5	10
Bloomingburgh	.....	8 50	51 91	22 60			
Callicoon	.....	2	....	.....	.....	.....	*8
Cuddebackville	8 50	11 50	4 50	....	.....	.....	15
Deerpark	53 02	210 44	510 13	599 19	.....	20	
Ellenville	....	189 70	130	30	.....	.....	*11 60
Fallsburgh	117	113	200	114	.....	.....	16
Grahamville	.....	20					
Mamakating							
Middleport	.....	17					
Milesville	.....	2	..	....	.....	.....	2
Montgomery	.....	170	500	....	.....	.....	*50
Newburgh	..	62 29	342 58	33 67	.....	.....	30 34
New Hurley	35	50	42 60	60	.....	.....	*34
New Prospect	7 60	8	12 50	8			
Shawangunk	33	74	68 88	12 40			
Upper Neversink	..	5					
Walden	26 10	104	147 82	15 85	.....	.....	*19 50
Wallkill Valley							
Walpack (Upper)	26	9					
Walpack (Lower)	25	26	23	19 65			
Wawarsing	4 88	11 40	65 22				
Classis of Paramus							
Clarkstown	52	103 8[illegible]	228 67	21	.....	.....	22
Tappan	8 74		58 98	....	.....	.....	60 07
Acquacksonk	104	220 20	671 35	80			
Second Totowa	51	70 75	245	16	.....	.....	145
Paramus	22 44	42 82	24 97	16			
Pascack	9	5	31 66	7 25			
Saddle River	7	23 50	15	5			
Ramapo							
West New Hempstead	7 32	48 86	48 85	....	.....	.....	7 42
Warwick	50 50	160 40	101				
Nyack	13 52	75 95	111 74	33 24	10 64	9 04	15 88
Piermont	18	107 25	120				
Broadway, Paterson							
First Holland, Paterson	7	10	5				
Second Holland, Paterson	....	.....	....	.....	20		
Spring Valley	8 40	87 71	28 48	47 39	2 30	14 97	6 42
Holland, Lodi							
North Passaic	.....	192 36	17 64				

* To Wallkill Valley Church.

CHURCHES.	Education	Domestic Missions	Foreign Missions	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building
Classis of Passaic							
Boardville	12	15	10				
Boonton		10					
Fairfield							
Little Falls	26 62	181 76	90 99	32 16			7
Montville	22 93	37	51				
Sixth Paterson							
Pompton Plains	42 74	96 65	191 58	21 56			24
Pompton	54 25	64	136 80	29		34	
Ponds	10	12	5	5			
Preakness	23 45	22	23 25				21
Stone House Plains	22 50	29	11	8			9
First Church, Totowa	38	44 97	72 03	23 30	35 63	31 93	35
Wyckoff	10	35	30 25	54 40	2 50	2 50	9
C. of Philadelphia							
Harlingen	44	60	70				
Readington		118 50	139 08				6
No Shanic		97	116				85
First Philadelphia		50	30				
Second "	39 98	130 78	50 55				
Third "	147 65	60	224				
N. & S. Hampton	7	73 90	126 79	31 75	4	5 25	7
Blawenburgh	32	105	86 25				
Stanton		57 50	28				
Manayunk	25	50	30	15	10	10	
Rocky Hill			57 06				61
Clover Hill							
Addisville	47 22	121 09	103 07	43 07	8 26	8 28	23
Bethune Memorial							
C. of Poughkeepsie							
First Poughkeepsie			245 08				
Second Poughkeepsie	49 90	228 15	69		29 05	29 05	41
Fishkill	18	42 43	137 58				
Hopewell	21 77	48 10	114 21				32
New Hackensack	40 75	66 35	81 70	20 32			12
Rhinebeck	80 61	197 99	215 28	20 54		24 74	19
Fishkill-on-Hudson	189 11	80	202 89	120 58			
Hyde Park	13 60	16 88	57 85	13 06			
Glenham	15	53 84	52 28	25			
Cold Spring		7	5				
Millbrook		48 65	144 85				21
Classis of Raritan							
First Raritan	50	728 61					
Bedminster	90	100	262 65	335	45		65
Lebanon	16 15	25 36	105 34	11 14			16
Rockaway	12	152 87	101 13	10			18
North Branch	17 78	60	24 41	38 54			
Second Raritan		107 25	165				
Peapack	22 35	30	59 30	28			51
Branchville	50	16	207 25	11 13	20		
Third Raritan		168 20	227 25	20 33	12 03	12 02	30
Easton	1569 27	598	1960 42				
Warren		12 05					
Plainfield		6					
Central Plainfield							
Pottersville							
High Bridge							
Clinton Station		20					

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Rensselaer							
Blooming Grove	.....	11 65	10				
Castleton	41 15	88 61					
Chatham	.....	85	85				
First Ghent	10	30	30	.....	.....	.....	20
Second Ghent	16	47	15	15 50			
Greenbush	47 27	65 82	109 56	73 01	45 29	48 68	
Kinderhook	.....	157 58	529 93	..	14 17	14 17	49 44
Nassau	60	75	.....	46			
New Concord	8	...	30	.....	8	9 47	
Schodack	29	42 35	12				
Schodack Landing	41 68	27 06	5				
Stuyvesant	17 68	32	170 73	11	12 67	16 34	6
Stuyvesant Falls	8	16	38				
Classis of Saratoga							
West Troy	56 80	75	162 22				
South West Troy	36	171 15	180 88				
Wynantskill	8	16	14				
Boght	9	48 25					
Rensselaer							
Waterford							
Cohoes	.....	43 96	58 30				
Union Village	.....	32 34	32 67				
Saratoga	.....	45	100	37			
Buskirks	.....	50	25				
Easton							
Schaghticoke	.....	36 16	50				
Northumberland	10	5	100	5	4	8 10	2 50
Gansevoort	.....	.....	11 54				
Fort Miller	.....	.....	.....	8 18			
Jackson							
C. of Schenectady							
First Schenectady	.....	40	10	60			
Second Schenectady	.....	.....	9 30	16 20	.....	.....	11 50
Third Schenectady							
First Glenville	10	17 75	108 58	7	4 25	6 8	5 50
Second Glenville							
First Rotterdam	22	8 50	15 25	.....	12 50		
Second Rotterdam	.....	12 50	11	.....	.....	.....	11 50
Helderberg	33	33	20	54 31			
Niskayuna	25 73	41 98	67 67	17 53	12 49	.....	16 53
Lisha's Kill	21 22	28 72	41 35	14 11	13 37	.....	15 15
Amity	20	28	75 82	25			
Princetown							
Day							
Classis of Schoharie							
Schoharie	14 79	29 68	13 11	9 16	.....	.....	8 74
Middleburgh	63 75	32 07	42	4 10	4 75	4 75	27 24
Gallupville	5	.....	9	.....	22	2	2
Berne	.....	25	30				
Beaver Dam	.....	15 66					
Lawyersville	5	15	5	10	5	5	5
Sharon	.....	35					
Gilboa	12 10	16 75	14	.....	.....	4 25	
North Bleinheim	.....	.....	3 62	.....	.....	.....	37
Breakabin							

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Schoharie CONTINUED.							
Schoharie Mt.							
Eminence							
East Cobleskill	.....	5	5				
Classis of Ulster							
Blue Mountain	2 25	13 29	47 68	.....	.....	.....	3 7
Cantsban	.....	30 50	50				
Esopus	.....	11	15				
Flatbush	37	35 52	72 16	10	5 30		
Kingston	45 18	368 37	987 91	28 38	.....	.....	34 1
North Esopus	.....	60	100	25 90			
Plattekill	17	59	30	15	.....	.....	30
Saugerties	171 47	328 05	400 61	52 45	6 97	6 98	
Shokan							
Shandaken	.....	.....	8				
West Hurley	.....	.....	21 35				
Woodstock	6 13	.....	23 34				
Wiltwyck	15 19	15 19	28 19	5 19			
C. of Westchester							
Bronxville	.....	.....	86 54	15			
Cortlandtown	.....	21	18				
Fordham	.....	75	50				
Greenburg							
Greenville	25	20 05	23 13				
Hastings	31 86	65 80	158 06	231 25			
Melrose							
Mount Vernon	23 22	16 01	108 35	14 23	5 88	5 88	15 0
Peekskill	.....	23 40	34 51	15 96			
Tarrytown, First	45	56 20	34 05	14	28 52	.....	30 7
Tarrytown, Second	61 04	317	476 61	.....	.....	.....	135 1
Unionville	27 25	27 02					
West Farms	.....	.....	31 04	1108 50			
White Plains							
Yonkers	15 24	117 56	224 13	32 92	22	6 06	
C. of Wisconsin							
Alto	.....	17 50	51 15				
Bethlehem	.....	.....	56 20				
Danforth							
First Chicago	14	20	6				
Eden							
Franklin	10	10	68 75				
Forreston							
Fulton	.....	23 30					
Gibbsville	.....	32 30	27 41	8			
Greenleaf	3 85	42 05	2 30	3 45	.....	.....	5 7
Holland (Wis.)	.....	25	117	5			
High Prairie	17 32	15	14	.....	.....	.....	322
Low Prairie	.....	.....	27 75				
Milwaukee	10	25 10	89 22				
North Creek	2						
Oostburg	8	.....	52	9	.....	.....	5 5
Peoria							
Paine's Point and W. Rock	.....						
Sheboygan Falls							
Silver Creek	.....	64 75	86 86				

ARTICLE XXIII,

PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Synod be given to Rev. Dr. Thomas DeWitt, and Hon. J. Romeyn Brodhead, for the care taken by them for several years of the correspondence between he Churches of this country and the Classis of Amsterdam.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to make arrangements for depositing the Minutes and important papers of the General Synod, together with the old seal, in the fire-proof Library uilding at New Brunswick, when it shall be erected.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Accounts would respectfully report, that the Particular Synod of Chicago is represented by fifteen delegates, viz: three from the Classis of Michigan, five from the Classis of Illinois, three from the Classis of Holland, two from the Classis of Wisconsin, and two from the Classis of Grand River.

According to the rule of Synod, they are entitled to traveling expenses as follows:

3	delegates	from the	Classis of Michigan,	$28	each	.....	$84
5	"	"	Illinois,	$21,60	"	.....	108
3	"	"	Holland,	28	"	.....	84
2	"	"	Wisconsin,	32	"	.....	64
2	"	"	Grand River,	28	"	.....	56
		Total					$396

The following bills have been put into the hands of the Committee:

S. R. Gray, for Stationery	$17 80
Charles Van Benthuysen & Sons, for printing 300 copies Report of Special Committee on Hope College	37 75
Three hundred Lists of Delegates	9 75
Two hundred and fifty Tickets of Nominations	7 25
Sexton's services	25 00
Total	$97 55

The Committee recommend that the delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago be paid the sums to which each is entitled from the Contingent Fund of the General Synod, and also that the above bills, amounting in the aggregate to $97 55, be paid.

The Treasurer of General Synod has forwarded an estimate that $1,060, will be required for the contingent expenses for the current year.

The Committee recommend that this amount for the contingent expenses be apportioned by the Treasurer to the several Classes, that of Arcot being excepted.

Respectfully submitted,

G. LANE, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the necessary expenses of the Committee on the affairs of Hope College be paid by the Treasurer.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish the usual number of copies of the Minutes of the Synod, duly authenticated, and to distribute among the Classes the number of copies ordered by them, and that the price of each copy be printed on the cover.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Consistory of the Reformed Church of Albany, for the use of their church edifice during the present session of this body.

Resolved, That the members of this Synod express their grateful acknowledgements to the Rev. Dr. Clark and his associates, for the

many courtesies they have received at their hands, and that they recognize with heartfelt appreciation the kind hospitality of the citizens of Albany, who have entertained them during the present meeting, recording their special indebtedness to the Hon. Robert H. Pruyn, for the elegant reception accorded to the Synod on the evening of Tuesday, the seventh day of the session.

Resolved, That our thanks are tendered to the reporters of the daily papers of Albany, for the full reports they have given of the proceedings of this body.

On calling the roll, it appeared that E. S. Porter, N. P. Pierce, E. Andrews, S. L. Gamble, W. J. Relyea, J. J. Marlett, A. A. Zabriskie, were absent without leave. The Minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in the Middle Church of Brooklyn, on the first Wednesday in June, 1872, at 4 o'clock, P. M., and was closed with singing and prayer, and the pronouncing of the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

WILLIAM J. R. TAYLOR, *President.*
JOHN McC. HOLMES, *Adsessor.*
MARTIN L. BERGER, } *Clerks pro tem.*
CORNELIUS BRETT, }
P. D. VAN CLEEF, *Permanent Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes,

DAVID D. DEMAREST, *Stated Clerk.*

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Presidents of General Synod.

YEAR	PRESIDENTS	FROM WHAT STATE	PLACE OF MEETING
1794	Rev. William Linn	New York	Albany N. Y.
1797	Rev. Dirck Romeyn	"	New York.
1800	Rev. Ira Condict	New Jersey	Albany.
1803	Rev. John H. Livingston	New York	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
1806	Rev. James V. C. Romeyn	New Jersey	Albany.
1809	Rev. Nicholas Lansing	New York	New York.
1812	Rev. Jacob Sickles	"	Albany.
1814	Rev John M. Bradford	"	New York.
1815	Rev. John Schureman	New Jersey	Albany.
1816	Rev. Jacob Brodhead	Pennsylvania	New York.
1817	Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook	New York	Albany.
1818	Rev. William McMurray	"	New York.
1819	Rev. John M. Bradford	"	Albany.
1820	Rev. James S. Cannon	New Jersey	New York.
1821	Rev. Selah S. Woodhull	New York	Albany.
1822	Rev. Philip Milledoler	"	New York.
1823	Rev. Jesse Fonda	"	Albany.
1824	Rev. Thomas DeWitt	"	New York.
1825	Rev. Jacob Brodhead	Pennsylvania	Albany.
1826	Rev. John Ludlow	New York	New York.
1827	Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler	"	Philadelphia.
1828	Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker	"	Albany.
1829	Rev. John Knox	"	New York.
1830	Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge	New Jersey	New Brunswick.
1831	Rev. John Gosman	New York	Albany.
1832	Rev. Isaac Ferris	"	New York.
1833	Rev. Jacob J. Janeway	"	Schenectady, N. Y.
1834	Rev. Sam. A. Van Vranken	New Jersey	New York.
1835	Rev. Robert Bronk	New York	Philadelphia.
1836	Rev. Thomas M. Strong	"	Albany.
1837	Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff	"	New York.
1838	Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor	New Jersey	Albany.
1839	Rev. George W. Bethune	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia.
1840	Rev. James Murphy	New York	New York.
1841	Rev. James Romeyn	"	Albany.
842	Rev. James B. Hardenberg	"	New York.

YEAR	PRESIDENTS	FROM WHAT STATE	PLACE OF MEETING
1843	Rev. William C. Brownlee	New York	Albany.
1844	Rev. Jacob Van Vechten	"	Poughkeepsie.
1845	Rev. Maurice W. Dwight	"	New Brunswick.
1846	Rev. William H. Campbell	"	Albany.
1847	Rev. Abraham Messler	New Jersey	New York.
1848	Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye	New York	Kingston, N. Y.
1849	Rev. George H. Fisher	"	New York.
1849	Rev. J. Van Vechten (ex. ses.)	"	Schenectady, N. Y.
1850	Rev. Jeremiah Searle	"	Poughkeepsie.
1851	Rev. Alexander M. Mann	"	Albany.
1852	Rev. Gustavus Abeel	New Jersey	Williamsburgh, N. Y.
1853	Rev. Duncan Kennedy	New York	Philadelphia.
1854	Rev. Mancius S. Hutton	New York	Hudson, N Y.
1855	Rev. Ransford Wells	"	New Brunswick.
1856	Rev. Francis M. Kip	"	Utica, N. Y.
1857	Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord	"	Ithaca, N. York.
1858	Rev. David D. Demarest	"	Newark, N. J.
1859	Rev. Samuel B. How	New Jersey	Albany.
1860	Rev. Oscar H. Gregory	New York	Philadelphia.
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OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA, CONVENED IN EXTRA SESSION IN THE CITY OF BROOKLYN, ON WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY ONE. THE SESSION CONTINUED FROM THE TWENTY-SEVENTH TO THE EVENING OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER INCLUSIVE.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. W. J. R. Taylor.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From the Particular Synod of New York.

1. *From the Classis of Arcot.—Minister*—Joseph Scudder, D.D.

2. *From the Classis of Hudson.—Ministers*—John McC. Holmes, D.D., A. J. Sebring, G. De Witt Bodine. *Elder*—Robert B. Shepard.

3. *From the Classis of Kingston.—Ministers*—Philip Peltz, D.D., J. F. Harris, M. F. Liebenau. *Elders*—J. Hasbrouck, J. Auchmoody.

4. *From the North Classis of Long Island.—Ministers*—William H. Ten Eyck, D.D., Charles I. Shepard, E. S. Porter, D.D., *Elders*—J. D. Fowler, William Ferris.

5. *From the South Classis of Long Island.—Ministers*—N. P. Pierce, D.D., J. M. Van Buren, Edward P. Ingersoll. *Elders*—Michael Bergen, G. G. Bergen.

6. *From the Classis of New York.—Ministers*—D. McL. Quackenbush, D.D., John Forsyth, D.D., James M. Ludlow. *Elders*—James Anderson, Samuel B. Schieffelin, H. Camerden, Jr.

7. *From the South Classis of New York.—Minister*—M. S. Hutton, D.D. *Elders*—W. E. Lawrence, John R. Smith.

8. *From the Classis of Orange.—Ministers*—Cyril Spaulding, G. S. Garretson.

9. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Ministers*—Oliver E. Cobb, A. P. Stockwell. *Elders*—B. F. Pond, J. P. Flagler.

10. *From the Classis of Westchester.—Ministers*—Evert Van Slyke, David Cole, D.D., P. Van Wyck. *Elders*—J. S. Van Court, J. A. Van Tassell.

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.—Ministers*—R. W. Clark, D.D., H. M. Voorhees, J. L. Pearse. *Elders*—Robert H. Pruyn, A. McIntyre.

2. *From the Classis of Cayuga.—Ministers*—George Rockwell, A. P. Peeke.

3. *From the Classis of Geneva.—Ministers*—James L. Southard, J. C. Forsyth, S. J. Rogers.

4. *From the Classis of Greene.—Ministers*—Benjamin Van Zandt, D.D., Isaac S. Demund, D.D. *Elders*—James Lewis, Peter H. Storm.

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.—Ministers*—Gilbert Lane, F. V. Van Vranken, G. D. Consaul. *Elder*—Thomas Kast.

6. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.—Ministers*—Edward A. Collier, John H. Bevier, A. H. Brush. *Elders*—Richard Graves, Jeremiah Link.

7. *From the Classis of Saratoga.—Elder*—A. S. Hoyt.

8. *From the Classis of Schenectady.—Ministers*—A. A. Bookstaver, William Phraner.

9. *From the Classis of Schoharie.—*

10. *From the Classis of Ulster.—Ministers*—N. F. Chapman, C. Blauvelt. *Elder*—James Wells.

From the Particular Synod of Chicago.

1. *From the Classis of Michigan.—*
2. *From the Classis of Illinois.—*
3. *From the Classis of Holland.—Minister*—E. C. Oggel.
4. *From the Classis of Wisconsin.—*
5. *From the Classis of Grand River.—*

From the Particular Synod of N. Brunswick.

1. *From the Classis of Bergen.—Ministers*—H. Losch, J. H. Suydam, W. V. V. Mabon, D.D.

2. *From the South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers*—Wm. J. R. Taylor, D.D., Henry Vehslage, Jr., Cornelius Brett. *Elders*—Jacob L. Sutphen, N. B. Lane, John Van Horn, Jr.

3. *From the Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers*—James B. Wilson, Garret C. Schanck, D.D., A. A Zabriskie. *Elders*—John Dorrance, Peter Cortelyou.

4. *From the Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers*—Richard H. Steele, D.D., S. L. Mershon, A. McWilliams. *Elders*—A. V Garretson, Teunis Hoagland, Johnson Letson.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.—Ministers*—Marshall B. Smith, A. F. Todd, James Huyssoon. *Elders*—John N. Terhune, Garret J. Blauvelt, John W. Ferdon.

6. *From the Classis of Passaic.—Ministers*—John N. Jansen, John Steele. *Elders*—R. A. Van Houten, M. J. Ryerson, Ralph Van Houten.

7. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.—Elder*—Daniel S. Jones.

8. *From the Classis of Raritan—Ministers*—William Pitcher, Charles H. Pool.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor acted as *President;* Rev. John McC. Holmes as *Adsessor;* and Rev. Cornelius Brett, *Clerk pro. tem.*

In the absence of the Stated Clerk, Rev. P. D. Van Cleef acted as Stated Clerk, and Rev. W. H Ten Eyck as Permanant Clerk.

It was announced by the President that the Synod had convened in compliance with the following call:

To the members of the General Synod of the Ref. Church in America:

I have received an official copy of the following action of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, at their meeting held on Thursday, August 31, 1871.

"*Whereas*, The chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology in our Theological Seminary is now vacant,

Resolved, That this Board requests the President of General Synod to call a special meeting of the Synod, at as early a date as the Constitution will permit, in order to fill said vacancy.

P. D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk.*"

In compliance with this request, a special meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America is hereby called, to be held in the Middle Reformed Church of Brooklyn, L. I., corner of Court and Harrison Streets, on Wednesday, September 27, at four o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM J. R. TAYLOR, *President.*

Newark, N. J., September 4, 1871.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Rev. J. A. DeBaun stated clerk of the classis of Schenectady, in reference to the actio of the last General Synod on the subject of union with the Germa Reformed Church, and was laid over until the next General Syno

A communication was received from Rev. Edwin Holmes, state clerk of the Classis of Hudson, in relation to assessments for co tingent expenses of General Synod, and was laid over until t next regular meeting of Synod.

A communication was received from Gardner A. Sage, on beh of the Hertzog Hall Committee, inviting the Synod to attend laying of the corner stone of the James Suydam Hall, at N Brunswick, on Thursday, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the invitation be accepted.

Rev. R. H. Steele was appointed delegate Primarius, and Rev. J. Howard Suydam, Secundus, to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

By request of the Board of Education, one young man was recommended to receive aid from the Van Benschoten Fund.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

The Synod proceeded on the evening of the first day of the session to make nominations by ballot with a view to the election of a Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theolgy, when a number of candidates were nominated.

On the succeeding day, the Synod, after a season of special prayer, proceeded to the election of a Professor. On counting the ballots, it appeared that Rev. W. G. T. Shedd, D.D., was elected.

Whereupon, it was

Resolved, Unanimously, that Rev. W. G. T. Shedd, D.D., be, and hereby is appointed Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America, at New Brunswick.

Resolved, That an instrument certifying the appointment, and specifying the duties of the office, be signed in the presence of the General Synod, by the President thereof, and by him given in the name of the Church to the Professor elect.

Resolved, That the salary of the Professor elect be three thousand dollars per annum, with the use of a house.

Resolved, That the President be appointed to wait upon the Rev. Dr. Shedd, to inform him of his election, and obtain from him his decision, and that be accompanied by the Rev. Drs. Forsyth and Holmes, and Elders S. B. Schieffelin and Robert H. Pruyn.

The Committee reported verbally that the Rev. Dr. Shedd requested time for consideration before returning his answer to the

lutions, which were accepted and adopted:

Resolved, That the Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D., Wm. Ormiston, D.D., and Rev. David Cole, D.D., and Elders James Suydam, Gardner A. Sage, James Anderson and John W. Ferdon, be added to the Committee appointed to wait upon Professor Shedd, and that this Committee make arrangements for his installation in case of his acceptance, and in the event of his declining, be empowered to make provision till the meeting of the next General Synod, for filling the vacant chair.

Resolved, That said Committee be authorized to receive and add to the Endowment of any of the Professorships, such sums as may be specially donated for such purpose, and to arrange for the Endowment of a fifth Professorship, if funds be specially given therefor.

Resolved, That said Committee report to the next General Synod their action, with such recommendations as in their judgment will promote the best interests of the Theological Seminary, and the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

Rev. David Cole, chairman of the Committee on Domestic Missions, offered a preamble and resolution defining the report of the Committee on Domestic Missions, adopted in June last, in reference to the Sabbath School work, which were laid on the table.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

On motion a Committee of three Ministers and two Elders, consisting of Rev. J. Forsyth, Rev. D. McL. Quackenbush and Rev. E. S. Porter, and the Elders James Anderson and Robert H. Pruyn, was appointed by the President, to prepare a suitable memorial expressive of the sentiments of this General Synod with repect to the death of the Rev. Joseph F. Berg, D.D., late Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theolgy in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and to convey to the family of Dr. Berg the sympathy which this body feels in their recent bereavement.

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their appreciation of his piety and usefulness as a minister of t Gospel, their sorrow that his face will be seen no more among the and their sympathy with his family in their unspeakable loss.

Resolved, That a copy of this minute be forwarded to his famil

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. S. HUTTON, *Chairman.*

The Synod on the second day of the Session, proceeded in a cordance with the invitation of the Hertzog Hall Committee to Ne Brunswick, and attended the laying of the corner stone of the Jam Suydam Hall.

The Stated Clerk was directed to procure a neatly engrossed co of the Form of a Professsorial Appointment, to be presented to t Professor elect.

Resolved, That the salary of the Rev. Dr. Berg, late Professor, continued to his family for six months from the date of his death.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was authorized to insert in the Minut the names of Delegates to the General Assembly of the United Pre byterian Church, omitted from the Minutes of the last General Syno

By invitation, Rev. A. R. Van Nest, D.D., addressed the Syn on the subject of his mission work in Italy.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted in reference t the remarks of Rev. Dr. Van Nest:

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with deep interest the stat ments of Rev. Dr. Van Nest in regard to his labors in connectio with the American Chapel at Florence, Italy; also, in reference t the important and growing work of the Free Church of Italy, whos evangelistic effort he officially represents, and that we commend thi whole subject to the active co-operation of Churches and members.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS

The Committee on Accounts presented the following bills, whic were ordered paid:

" for Stationery,	3 00
" for Engrossing copy of form of Professorial Appointment	5 00
Expenses of Rev. E. C. Oggel,	25 00
	$38 00

ARTICLE XXVI

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish thirteen hundred copies of the Minutes of this session of the Synod, duly authenticated, and to distribute among the Classes the number ordered by them, and that the price of each copy be printed on the cover.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Consistory of the Middle Reformed Church of Brooklyn, for the use of their church edifice during the present session of this body.

Resolved, That the members of Synod are personally indebted to the Pastor of the Middle Reformed Church, Rev. Ed. P. Ingersoll, for his courtesy and kindness, and to the families who have opened their doors so freely in the proffer of a Christian hospitality.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are due to Mr. James Suydam, for his liberality in providing for the expenses of members of Synod while attending the laying of the corner stone of the James Suydam Hall.

On calling the roll it appeared that the following persons were absent without excuse:

Rev. A. P Peeke, and Elders J. A. Van Tassel, Thomas Kast, John Van Horn, Jr., P. L. Cortelyou and James Wells.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in the Middle Reformed Church, Brooklyn, on the first Wednesday in June, 1872, at 4 o'clock, P. M., and was closed, after singing the hymn "Blest be the tie," &c., and

Apostolic Benediction by the President.

WILLIAM J. R. TAYLOR, *President.*
JOHN McC. HOLMES, *Adsessor.*
CORNELIUS BRETT, *Clerk pro. tem.*
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Acts and Proceedings

OF THE

SIXTY-SIXTH

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OF THE

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In America,

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IN THE

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS.

THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA CONVENED IN THE CITY OF BROOKLYN, N. Y., ON WEDNESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO, AND CONTINUED IN SESSION UNTIL FRIDAY, THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF JUNE, AT SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the Session, from Ephesians, 2: 19-22. "Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers," etc.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From the Particular Synod of New York.

From the Classis of Arcot.—Rev. Joseph Scudder, D.D.

From the Classis of Hudson.—Rev. A. J. Sebring, John McC. Holmes, D.D., John S. Himrod. *Elders*, Matthias Hallenbeck, Robert B. Shepard.

From the Classis of Kingston.—Rev. Paul T. Deyo, Nathaniel H Van Arsdale, Philip Peltz, D.D. *Elder*, Josiah P. Le Fevre.

From the North Classis of Long Island.—Rev. G. D. Hulst, J. G. Van Slyke, E. S. Fairchild. *Elders*, Jacob Suydam, J. N. Brinckerhoff, Isaac Morley.

Stewart, G. G. Bergen.

From the Classis of New York.—Rev. Isaac Riley, Hasbrouck DuBois, H. D. Ganse. *Elders*, James Anderson, S. B. Schieffelin, Frederick Hughson.

From the South Classis of New York.—Rev. Julius L. Danner, Lawrence P. Cummings, W. T. Enyard. *Elders*, Malcolm McLeod, Frank Nolman.

From the Classis of Orange.—Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., J. A. Staats, W. H. Gleason. *Elders*, Thomas Jessup, John Lyon, Abraham Deyo.

From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Rev. Henry Dater, O. E. Cobb, H. N. Cobb. *Elders*, Jacob B. Jewett, Walter Brett, Charles J. Todd.

From the Classis of Westchester.—Rev. John Garretson, D.D., V. M. Hulbert, D.D., M. H. Hutton. *Elders*, J. P. Fitch, John W. Clark.

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

From the Classis of Albany.—Rev. J. Elmendorf, D.D., J. L. Zabriskie, A. Dickson. *Elders.* Peter Monteath, Robert H. Pruyn, D. Hoag.

From the Classis of Cayuga.—Rev. J. H. Enders, John Boehrer. *Elders*, George Bull, Simon Buell.

From the Classis of Geneva.—Rev. H. P. McAdam, W. D. Buckelew, W. W. Brush. *Elder*, George S. Conover.

From the Classis of Greene.—Rev. F. A. Horton, J. A. Lansing, D.D., M. G. Hansen. *Elders*, P. G. Brandow; J. B. Whitbeck.

From the Classis of Montgomery.—Rev. D. K. Van Doren, F. M. Kip, Jr., R. R. Williams. *Elders*, J. M. Stowits, S. H. Conklin, A. Hees.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.—Rev. A. B. Peffers, Isaac L. Kip, Elbert Nevius. *Elders*, Henry Haber, Peter G. Ten Eyck.

From the Classis of Saratoga.—Rev. A. J. Hutton, S. W. Strong. *Elders*, John C. Viele, Abm. Marshall, John A. Van Vechten.

mlye, D. D., J. C. Lowe. *Elders*, Daniel Vedder, Alex. Dorn.

From the Classis of Schoharie.—Rev. W. S. Moore, S. W. Roe, J. Markle. *Elder*, Peter Z. Swart.

From the Classis of Ulster.—Rev. W. B. Merritt, A. M. Arcularius, J. N. Voorhis. *Elders*, James Wells, Ab. Sleight, Norman Cole.

From the Particular Synod of Chicago.

From the Classis of Michigan.—A. H. Van Vranken.

From the Classis of Illinois.—Rev. A. Thompson, A. G. Lansing, A. V. Gulick. *Elder*, L. S. Viele.

From the Classis of Holland.—Rev. Ph. Phelps, Jr., D.D., W. Moerdyk, H. Uiterwyk.

From the Classis of Wisconsin.—Rev. J. H. Karsten.

From the Classis of Grand River.—Rev. J. de Pree. *Elder*, F. Van Driele.

From the Particular Synod of N. Brunswick.

From the Classis of Bergen.—Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D.D., C. D. Buck. *Elders*, Garret D. Demarest, Lewis M. Drew.

From the South Classis of Bergen.—Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., H. W. F. Jones, William R. Duryee. *Elders*, Lorin Brooks, C. O. Morris, Jacob Van Horn.

From the Classis of Monmouth.—Rev. C. S. Hageman, D.D., George Swain, William Reiley, DD. *Elders*, Tobias Polhemus, A. L. Conover, John Baird, Joseph J. Van Mater.*

From the Classis of Newark.—Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D.D., C. E. Hart, A. M. Quick. *Elders*, William H. Kirk, John Duncan.

From the Classis of New Brunswick.—John L. See. D.D., E. T. Corwin, C. D. Hartranft. *Elders*, Peter Cortelyou, J. V. D. Hoagland, Gilbert S. Van Pelt.

From the Classis of Paramus.—G. M. S. Blauvelt, John H. Duryea, D.D., Ferdinand H. Vanderveer, D.D. *Elders*, Ira Ryerson, John W. Ferdon, David D. Smith.

* Succeeded Tobias Polhemus as Secundus.

From the Classis of Passaic.—Rev. S. T. Cole, A. Vandewater, George J. Van Neste.

From the Classis of Philadelphia.—Rev. J. H. Smock, M. N. Oliver, Isaac Collier. *Elders*, J. G. Schomp, S. Waldron, D. Feaster.

From the Classis of Raritan.—Rev. P. M. Doolittle, V. B. Carroll, James Le Fevre.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. Joachim Elmendorf was elected *President;* Rev. Philip Peltz, *Adsessor;* and Rev. A. V. Gulick, and Rev. Maurice G. Hansen, *Clerks, pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last ordinary Session, and also of the Special Session of the Synod were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On the Professorate—Rev. A. B. Van Zandt,* John Garretson, George J. Van Neste. *Elders*, Robert H. Pruyn, John W. Ferdon.

On Overtures.—Rev. H. D. Ganse, E. T. Corwin, William R. Duryee. *Elders*, Samuel B. Schieffelin, John Lyon.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. H. W. F. Jones, George Swain, J. H. Karsten. *Elders*, G. G. Bergen, S. Waldron.

On Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund.—Rev. C D. Hartranft, William B. Merritt, Abraham Thompson. *Elders*, Thomas Jessup, Abram Marshall.

On Foreign Missions.—Rev. Charles E. Hart, John H. Manning, A. G. Lansing. *Elders*, Walter Brett, Peter G. Ten Eyck.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. C. L. Wells, Jacob West, Isaac L. Kip. *Elders*, James Wells, Abraham Deyo.

On Education.—Rev. Isaac Riley, Isaac Collier, Henry Dater. *Elders*, J. P. Le Fevre, Garret D. Demarest.

On Judicial Business.—Rev. W. R. Gordon, W. H. Gleason, A. J. Sebring. *Elders*, William Hees, D. Hoag.

On the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds.—Rev. A. H. Van Vranken, V. M. Hulbert, William W. Brush. *Elders*, John C. Viele, Jacob Suydam.

* Excused. Rev. J. L. See was appointed in his place.

On Publication.—Rev. William Reiley, Joseph Scudder, S. W. Rowe. *Elders*, Isaac E. Bergen, P. G. Brandow.

On Nominations.—Rev. J. McC. Holmes, P. D. Van Cleef, S. W. Strong. *Elders*, Lorin Brooks, Samuel B. Stewart.

On Correspondence.—Rev. A. G. Vermilye, John L. See, John G. Van Slyke. *Elders*, Peter Monteath, G. S. Conover.

On Accounts.—Rev. P. M. Doolittle, A. J. Hutton, W. Moerdyk. *Elders*, John Baird, D. Feaster.

On Leave of Absence.—Rev. James Le Fevre, John S. Himrod, J. N. Voorhis. *Elders*, Tobias Polhemus, George Bull.

On the Board of Direction.—*Elders*, James Anderson, F. Hughson, L. S. Viele, J. N. Brinkerhoff, John Duncan.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following Report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and was referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in Peter Hertzog Hall, at New Brunswick, on Tuesday, May 21st, 1872, at 12 o'clock, M., and adjourned on Wednesday evening.

The President, Rev. Alexander M. Mann, D.D., opened the meeting with prayer. Rev. John H. Manning, D.D., was elected President, and Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., Clerk *pro tem.*

The following members were present:

Rev. A. C. Millspaugh,	Rev. Joseph Scudder,
Alex. M. Mann,	Anson F. Munn,
Wm. H. Ten Eyck,	J. H. Manning,
R. M. Stanbrough,	John L. See,
M. S. Hutton,	John Gardner,
E. A. Collier,	Selah W. Strong,
Edwin Vedder,	M. L. Schenck,
J. Howard Suydam,	Philip Peltz,
J. B. Wilson,	Isaac Riley,
P. M. Doolittle,	J. A. De Baun.
David Cole,	

Appointments are to be made by the next General Synod from the following Classes:—Albany, South Classis of Bergen, Cayuga, Hudson, (for one year), North Long Island, South Long Island, Montgomery, Newark, South New York, Paramus, (for two years). Passaic, Philadelphia, Poughkeepsie, Raritan, Schenectady, Michigan, New Brunswick.

From the Report of the Professors it appears that the following students have been members of the Theological Seminary:

Senior Class.

Edward Cornet,	William J. Hill,
Robert Doig,	Edward Lodewick,
John Hart,	Ferdinand S. Schenck.

Middle Class.

Asher Anderson,	Nicholas Pearse,
George W. Labaw,	Richard A. Pearse,
Calvin E. Lasher,	Jacob W. Schenck,
John F. McLawry,	Graham Taylor,

John C. Van Deventer.

Junior Class.

Aaron W. Benson,	William N. Todd,
James C. Garretson,	William Veen Schoten,
Andrew Hageman,	John H. Wyckoff.

The Report of the Faculty of the Seminary presents the following points of interest:

1. In January last Mr. Labagh, of the middle class, asked leave of absence for three months, that by teaching he might relieve himself from pecuniary embarrassment. The Faculty, unwilling to take the responsibility, left him to his own convictions of duty, subject to the decision of the Board of Superintendents. Mr. Labagh took the time, returned for the review with his class, and the testimony of the Professors, with his acquitting himself well on all points in the examination, proved him a worthy and excellent student; therefore he was permitted to go on with his class.

2. Mr. Benson, of the junior class, was prevented from beginning with his class by a general failure of health, accompanied by

severe disorder of the eyes, which set in during the latter part of his senior year in College. Being extremely anxious to pursue his studies for the ministry, although still much broken in health, he has attended the studies of the junior class (except Hebrew), for the last two months.

During his college course, Mr. Benson won the high esteem of his Professors by his scholarship and Christian excellency of character. If permitted to proceed with some allowance for his present infirmities, there is reason to hope that he will render good service in the ministry; but if the full course of study is exacted, his earnest desire to preach the gospel may be entirely defeated.

The Faculty, therefore, respectfully submit to the Board whether the case of Mr. Benson is not one in which the General Synod should grant a dispensation, allowing him to go on with the next middle class, and excusing him from the study of Hebrew, except as far as the state of his health will permit.

Therefore the Board refer this case to the General Synod, with a recommendation that Mr. Benson be permitted to dispense with the study of Hebrew, except so far as his health and sight will permit.

3. The Faculty report that the deportment of the students during the past year has been exemplary, and that they have, in general, devoted themselves to study with remarkable faithfulness.

4. The Faculty testify to the happy results of the present system of management in Hertzog Hall under the rectorship of Rev. Peter J. Quick. Therefore the Board

Resolved, That we refer to the General Synod the continuing of the present internal management of Hertzog Hall, with an earnest request that it may be put on a permanent footing.

The past year has been to our Seminary a year of bereavement and trial, calling forth the care and perplexity of the Church. In view of this, the Board are happy to report that the Professors have manifested a spirit of consecration, energy, and fidelity, and the industry and commendable progress of the students show that our Seminary merits the confidence of the Church.

The Committee of Twelve, to whom the care of the Seminary was committed in its exigency, have devised liberal things. The Chair of Theology, temporarily committed to Dr. Woodbridge, assisted by eminent brethren, has been supplied in a manner that is truly gratifying.

Nay, the teaching of this department has been specially satisfactory, both in method and execution, and we would commend the plan adopted by Dr. Woodbridge to all the Professors as possessing advantages above the ordinary lecture system.

The usual examinations of the several classes in the Seminary were conducted by the Professors, in the presence of the Board.

Sermons were presented by the higher classes for inspection by the Board, and brief analyses prepared by the middle class.

After specimens of preaching by members of the senior class, these gentlemen were severally examined on personal piety, and their views in entering upon the ministry.

All the students were interrogated in regard to the rule of Synod, concerning students preaching, and their answers were satisfactory.

The Standing Committee of General Synod on Hertzog Hall reported, and their report was accepted and adopted, and, by order of the Board, is hereby transmitted.

It was unanimously

Resolved, That the several examinations be sustained, and that the members of the senior class be recommended to the Professors to receive the customary certificate.

Resolved, That it be recommended to General Synod to rescind the rule requiring the Board to enquire whether the young men have preached in any of the churches while in the prosecution of their studies.

The annual address to the students of the Seminary was delivered by the Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., in the chapel, on Wednesday evening.

M. L. SCHENCK,
ISAAC RILEY,
A. M. MANN.

The Third Annual Report of the Synod's Standing Committee on Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, made to the Board of Superintendents, was received, together with the Treasurer's Report, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Communications were received from the South Classis of Bergen, the Classis of Newark, the Classis of Illinois, and from the Rev. N. D. Williamson, proposing changes in the statistical tables, and were referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

Communications were received from the Classis of Geneva, the Classis of Orange, the Classis of Raritan, and the Classis of Wisconsin, on the subject of Assessments, and were referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

An overture was received from the Classis of Newark, on the subject of reorganizing the benevolent agencies of the Church, and was referred to a special committee of five ministers and five elders, consisting of Revs. H. D. Ganse, E. T. Corwin, Wm. R. Duryee, Philip Phelps, Jr., John H. Duryea; Elders Samuel B. Schieffelin, John Lyon, Jacob B. Jewett, James Anderson, J. N. Brinkerhoff.

An overture was received from the Classis of Montgomery, asking that ministers of other Evangelical churches visiting our ecclesiastical bodies may be invited to sit as corresponding members, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication was received from Charles W. Pitcher, a student in Rutgers College, asking a dispensation from the studies of the senior year, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication from the Classis of Schenectady, laid over at the Special Session, on the subject of union with the Reformed Church in the United States, was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A communication from the Classis of Hudson, on the subject of Assessments, laid over at the Special Session, was referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

A communication was received from the Board of Foreign Missions, requesting that, on account of the illness of Rev. J. M. Ferris, the corresponding secretary, Rev. Philip Peltz, be allowed to act in his place. The request was granted.

A communication was received from the North Classis of Long Island, asking for a dispensation in behalf of Mr. E. Van Emmerick, in order that the Classis may ordain him to the Gospel ministry, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication from the delegates of the Classis of Philadelphia, asking for a dispensation on behalf of Horace P. Craig, was received, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication from Professor C. E. Crispell, in relation to the title to be given to the Professorship of Theology in the Seminary at Hope College, was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication from the Classis of Bergen, giving instruction to its delegates, was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Reformed Church of Astoria, inviting the Synod to visit the United States Government Works at Hallett's Point, Astoria, on Wednesday, June 12th, in the afternoon. It was

Resolved, That the invitation be accepted, with the thanks of the Synod.

An invitation was received from the Long Island Historical Society, for the members of the Synod to visit the rooms of the Society, at their convenience. It was

Resolved, That the invitation be accepted, with the thanks of the Synod for the courtesy extended to its members.

A communication was received from the Packer Institute, inviting the Synod to listen to the Baccalaureate address of Rev. W. Taylor, D.D., of the Tabernacle Church, New York, in the chapel of that institution, on Friday evening, 14th inst. The invitation was accepted, with the thanks of the Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The following Report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Annual Digest, Treasurer's Annual Account, List of Securities belonging to the General Synod, Education Fund Income Account, Widows' Fund Account, Widows' Fund Income Account, Hope College Endowment Fund, Hope College Income Account, Disabled Ministers' Fund Account, List of Endowed Scholarships, Expense Account, Estimate of Expenses for year commencing May 1st, 1872, Van Benschoten and Knox Fund Accounts.

The above Report was referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction, and the documents accompanying it were referred to the several appropriate Committees.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

The Board of Direction of General Synod beg leave to report:

Widow's Fund.—This Fund amounts to $34,515.90. The collections from churches, individuals and interest during the past year

amount to $1.815.85. Annuities have been paid from the Fund for the six months ending May 1st and November 1st, 1871, amounting in the aggregate to $1,920.88.

Hope College Endowment Fund.—There has been received for this Fund during the year $30, and abond of the Sioux City and Pacific Railroad Company of $1,000, and the Fund now amounts to $22,-300.89.

Your Board would report that there has been received during the year, from churches and individuals, as Centennial gifts, $478.

Your Board would report that the amount received to the 1st of May last on account of the assessment of $20,000 made by General Synod in June 1864, for the purpose of increasing the Permanent Fund of Synod, is $17,689.61.

The following Classes were in arrears on the 1st of May last on said assessment, viz:

Classis of Bergen	$ 555	11
South Classis of Bergen	1,066	
Classis of Greene	133	08
Classis of Montgomery	91	30
South Classis of New York	79	95
Classis of Paramus	177	80
Classis of Rensselaer	59	59
Total	$2,162	83

The following Classes were in arrears for Contingent Expenses on the 1st of May last, viz:

Classis of Holland	$ 27	10
Classis of Montgomery	26	50
Classis of Orange	116	43
Paramus	283	01
Poughkeepsie	3	75
Raritan	85	
Saratoga	110	98
Total	$652	77

The following Classes were in arrears on the 1st of May last on the assessment of $4,000 directed by the General Synod in June last to be made on the Classes for Contingent Expenses and deficiency of income, viz:

Classis of Bergen	$31 63
South Classis of Bergen	28 60
Classis of Cayuga	60 41
Classis of Grand River	72 89
Classis of Geneva	115 29
Classis of Greene	49 53
Classis of Holland	110 58
North Classis of Long Island	182 08
South Classis of Long Island	219 45
Classis of Michigan	37 05
Classis of Monmouth	61 19
Classis of Montgomery	93 33
Classis of New Brunswick	94 15
South Classis of New York	74 17
Classis of Orange	158 80
Classis of Passaic	78 43
Classis of Philadelphia	162 35
Classis of Poughkeepsie	129 88
Classis of Saratoga	99 70
Classis of Schenectady	94 86
Classis of Wisconsin	105 74
Total	$2,060 20

There has been received since the 1st of May as follows, from

Classis of Michigan	$37 05
Classis of Geneva	34
Classis of Cayuga	50
Classis of Greene	49 53
Classis of Philadelphia	72 44
South Classis of Bergen	28 60

It is with regret that the Board is constrained again to report increased indebtedness, producing great embarrassment and rendering it almost impossible to defray current expenditures.

During the year just closed the expenditures have exceeded the revenues in the sum of $7,547.04, making the advances for salaries, etc., on the 30th of April last $41,309.48.

The extraordinary outlays within the past three years, and which are not likely to occur again to any large amount for the same objects for some years to come, have been mainly the cause for so

great an increase in the advances which have produced so large an indebtedness. For that portion of the expenditures incurred in thorough repairs and refitting of Hertzog Hall, there was, in a measure, provision made, and when all subscribed for the purpose is realized, there will have been enough paid in to remove that portion of the indebtedness.

The entire expense of said repairs to the present time, over the interest on Mrs. Hertzog's legacy, and other small contributions for such repairs, amounts to $12,626.99. And to meet such expenditures there was subscribed, as mentioned in the last report of the Board, the sum of $14,000, of which the sum of $7,700 has been paid to the Treasurer. In the hope that there would be contributions from the churches sufficient to meet the unusual expenditures occasioned by such necessary repairs and other causes, said subscriptions, as also stated in the last report, were added to the Permanent Fund. In consequence of the entire failure of the effort of the Board, made under the direction of the Synod during the previous year, to obtain contributions from the Church at large to extinguish the indebtedness, and defray increased expenditures until the fund was sufficient, by its revenues, to meet all claims upon it —and no response having been made to the appeals during the past year—it may become necessary to withdraw the said sum of $7,700 from the Permanent Fund, and to that extent reduce not only the indebtedness, but also the reported principal of said fund; and when the balance of the subscription ($6,300) is paid in, so much as may be required may be applied towards reducing the indebtedness to the extent incurred by the repairs.

Another cause which has aided in the increase of the indebtedness, has been the expense attendant upon the effort to secure the endowment of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

When it is known that through the efforts of the Rev. Dr. Cornell, during the period of two and a half years, more than one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars were added to the property and funds of Synod, and in addition, subscriptions for more than sixty-four thousand dollars obtained, all of which will doubtless be paid, it will be admitted that such expenditure was very advantageous to the interests of the Church.

It may not be improper to state that other sums have been obtained by Dr. Cornell (for a large portion of which securities are

invested in accordance with the intentions of the donors, will make the aggregate over three hundred thousand dollars.

It is a subject of regret to the Board to be compelled to report that for the present, efforts for increasing the Endowment Fund are suspended in consequence of the Rev. Dr. Cornell having voluntarily withdrawn from the service of the Board on the 1st of November last. They hope, however, that when favorable prospects may present themselves, he may be induced to resume his labors, and secure such a fund as will, from the income thereon, defray all the ordinary expenses of the Synod. And until this is accomplished, it will be indispensable for Synod to resort to such measures as will, from year to year, secure from the classes, or from the churches, such contributions as may be required to pay all expenses.

During the year the expenses for the Seminary were:

Salaries of the Professors	$11,666.67	
Salary of the Janitor of Hertzog Hall with fuel	120.	
Salary of the Clerk of the Board of Superintendents, &c	29.40	
Salary of the Treasurer of General Synod, &c	474.10	
		$12,290.17
Insurance		645.62
Amount drawn by the Committee on Hertzog Hall, for repairs to the residences of the Professors		2,500.
		$15,435.79
Paid for contingent expenses		1,341.59
		$16,777.38
The income from the Permanent Fund and other sources was	$10,522.50	
Received for contingent expenses, &c	2,345.95	
		$12,868.45
Leaving a deficiency of		$3,908.93
To this sum add the amount paid to the Financial Agent		2,499.99

To this sum add the amount paid for repairs to the Seminary in excess of interest received.....	1,138.12
And the amount reported in the last Annual Statement for advances.....	33,762.44
The total indebtedness will be found....	$41,309.48

From this expose the Synod will perceive that said indebtedness is an absolute reduction of so much of the Permanent Fund, so far as income therefrom should be derived; and that consequently the revenue from the fund is altogether inadequate for the salaries of the Professors, and necessary expenses connected with the Seminary.

In the present condition of the Treasury, there are no funds on hand belonging to the Permanent Fund, to pay the salaries of the Professors, which were due on the 1st instant. The Board having borrowed as instructed by the resolution of Synod in June, 1867, to pay the professors and employees of the Synod, and to meet necessary expenses for the preservation of the property of the Synod until the indebtedness has reached the large amount above mentioned, they fear that further encroachment upon the fund will operate to the prejudice of the Synod, and interfere with further accessions to the fund.

The suggestion heretofore made by the Board and directed by the Synod, for application to the churches for contributions *averaging the very small sum of one dollar, for each communicant*, and such additional donations as other members of their several congregations might be disposed to give, as the least burdensome way to relieve the embarrassment of the treasnry, having met with no response, the Board does not feel encouraged to offer any recommendations at this time, nor to propose any resolution upon the subject for the consideration of Synod.

The Board did not receive any applications or recommendations during the past year, apart from the appropriations made by Synod at their last annual meeting, for aid from the Disabled Ministers' Fund, probably owing to the rule which prevailed during the two previous years of reporting applications to the Synod; and it not being generally understood that the power to make distribution of the fund had been restored to the Board.

Board classified itself as follows, viz:

Peter R. Warner, President for three years; Mancius S. Hutton, Director, four years; John Van Nest, five years; James Suydam, one year; John I. Brower, Treasurer, two years.

The term of service of James Suydam will therefore expire at this meeting of the Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. R. WARNER, *President.*

M. S. HUTTON,
JOHN VAN NEST, } *Directors.*
JAMES SUYDAM,

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, June 3d, 1872.

Treasurer's Annual Account.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, in account with JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

1871.	Dr.		
May 8	To Cash paid the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall:		
	for Library purposes.....	$2,500	
	for repairs and supplies.....	1,500	
			4,000
22	paid Annuitants from the Widows' Fund, for annuity for the six months ending 1st inst.....		889
June 5	paid Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer:		
	for six months' interest, to May 1st, on amount of invested scholarships.....	2,840 53	
	for six months' interest, to May 1st, on Hope College Endowment Fund....	553 72	
			3,394 25
9	paid insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, for one year from this date.....		193 12
14	paid Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago, for expenses in attending the meeting of General Synod this month		396
17	paid Rev. Benj. C. Taylor, D.D., travelling expenses as Corresponding Delegate.....		53 25
19	paid Rev. S. W. Mills, for travelling expenses as Corresponding Delegate.....		48
20	paid Rev. John A. Todd, D.D., travelling expenses as Corresponding Delegate		112
	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary, for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst:		
23	Rev. Joseph F. Berg, D.D.....	750	
26	David D. Demarest, D.D.....	750	
	John DeWitt, D.D.....	750	
	Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D....	750	
			3,000
	paid Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D., for travelling expenses in attending the meeting of General Synod to preach the sermon on benevolence.....		12 50
	Carried forward.....		12,098 12

		Brought forward		$12,0
June	26	To Cash paid Rev. P. Peltz, D.D., for travelling expenses as a member of a Special Committee on the Organization of Hope College		
		paid the following persons, amount of appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund, made at the meeting of the General Synod in June last, viz:		
July	3	Rev. A. C. Hillman	300	
		N. J. Marselus, D.D.	300	
		Hiram Slauson	200	
		Mrs. Nanning Bogardus	150	
		Rev. R. W. Knight	150	
	5	Thomas B. Gregory	300	
		Mrs. Mary T. Searle	100	
		Miss Mary A. May	200	
		Rev. Hiram Slauson	100	
				1,8
		paid insurance on three Professorial dwellings at New Brunswick, N. J., for one year from 2d inst.		
		paid Rev. Jas. A. H. Cornell, D.D., for salary and expenses for the two months ending 1st inst		8
		paid Rev. D. D. Demarest, D.D., as follows:		
		for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod	150	
		for travelling expenses	13 95	
		postage and express	6	
		Doorkeeper's bill, attendance at meeting of General Synod	25	
		S. R. Gray's bill for Stationery	17 80	
		C. Van Benthuysen & Son's bill for printing	54 75	
				2
	25	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., as follows:		
		for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents.	25	
		expenses	2	
		advertising in "Observer" and "Evangelist"	2 40	
		one year's salary as Permanent Clerk of General Synod	50	
		expenses	6	
Aug.	19	paid insurance on the furniture and library in the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, for one year from 20th inst.		
	24	paid Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, for six months' interest, to July		
		Carried forward		$15,2

1871.		Dr.		
		Brought forward		$15,260 19
		1st, on $5,200 U. S. 5-20 registered bonds, and gold premium thereon..	175 11	
Aug.	24	for six months' dividend on 50 shares of the stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co	250	
				425 11
Sept.	1	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary, for one quarter's salary, due this day, viz:		
		Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.....	750	
		John DeWitt, D.D.....	750	
		Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D....	750	
				2,250
		paid Mrs. Eleonora P. Berg, for one quarter's salary of the Rev Joseph F. Berg, D.D., late Professor, to this date.....		750
		paid Rev. Jas. A. H. Cornell, for salary and expenses for two months ending this day...		833 33
	23	paid the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, per Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer, for repairs on the professorial dwellings.....		2,500
	27	paid the Home Insurance Co., for insurance on buildings connected with Hope College, for one year from 25th inst.....		18 50
	29	paid Rev. E. C. Oggel, for travelling expenses in attending the General Synod this month, as delegate from Classis of Holland.....		25
Oct.	6	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., as follows:		
		for Doorkeeper's bill at the extra session of General Synod....	5	
		for engrossed copy of form of professorial appointment.....	5	
		for stationery.....	3	
				13
	14	paid Rev. G. Talmage, for travelling expenses as Corresponding Delegate.....		53
	20	paid William Loudon, (per Miller, Peet & Opdyke), two thousand five hundred dollars, on account of a loan on bond and mortgage of $8,500.....		2,500
	28	paid insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....		127 50
Nov.	1	paid Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, for travelling expenses as Corresponding Delegate.....		15
	4	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Building Committee of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, toward		
		Carried forward.....		$24,770 63

1871.		Dr.		
		Brought forward		$24,770 63
		the expense of erecting "The James Suydam Hall," New Brunswick, N. J., ten thousand five hundred dollars		10,500
Nov.	6	paid the Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, as follows, viz:		
		for six months' interest to 1st inst., on amount of invested scholarships	2,600	
		for six months' interest to 1st inst., on Hope College Endowment Fund	600	
				3 200
	10	paid Rev. James A. H. Cornell, D.D., for salary and expenses for two months ending 1st inst.		833 33
	15	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, as follows, viz:		
		for six months' interest to 1st inst., on legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog	325	
		for salary of the janitor of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall for one year, to October 16, 1871	100	
		for fuel for same time	20	
				445
		paid annuitants from the Widows' Fund, amount of annuity for the six months ending 1st inst.		1,031 88
	23	paid insurance on the library in the Peter Hertzog Thoological Hall		45
	27	paid William Loudon (per Miller, Peet & Opdyke), six thousand dollars, balance of loan on bond and mortgage of $8,500		6,000
Dec.	1	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary, for one quarter's salary, due this day, viz:		
		Rev. D. D. Demarest, D.D	750	
		John DeWitt, D.D	750	
		Samuel M. Woodridge, D.D	750	
				2,250
		paid Mrs. Eleonora P. Berg, for salary of the Rev. Joseph F. Berg, D.D., late Professor in the Theological Seminary, from Sept. 1, 1871, to Jan. 20, 1872, being the balance for six months from the date of his death, by order of General Synod		1,166 67
	23	paid Mrs. Eleonora P. Berg, administratrix, for funeral expenses of the Rev. Joseph F. Berg, D.D., late Professor in the Theological Seminary		272
		Carried forward		$50,514 51

1871.	Dr.		
	Brought forward		$50,514 51
Dec 29	To Cash paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Building Committee of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, toward the expense of erecting "The James Suydam Hall," as follows:		
1872.	Two thousand five hundred dollars..	2,500	
Jan. 19	Seven thousand dollars.	7,000	
			9,500
Feb. 17	paid L. K. Miller, Esq., for expenses in the Laing will case, as follows, viz:		
	amount disbursed by him.....	82	
	counsel fees and expenses of Marshall S. Bidwell, Esq., in attending court at Albany.....	530 75	
			612 75
29	paid Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, for interest and dividend on the Parochial School Fund to 1st inst.....		342 33
	paid John C. Elmendorf, Esq, Treasurer of Rutgers College, for one year's interest to June 20, 1871, on the Colonel Henry Rutgers donation of $5,000.....		300
March 1	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary, for one quarter's salary, due this day, viz:		
	Rev. David D Demarest, D.D.....	750	
	John DeWitt, D.D..... ...	750	
	Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D...	750	
			2,250
7	paid for insurance on Professorial dwelling, southwest corner of Seminary place and George street, New Brunswick, for five years.....		55
	deposited in the United States Trust Company, as follows, viz:		
16	Five thousand dollars	5,000	
29	Two thousand dollars.....	2,000	
April 13	Six thousand five hundred dollars...	6,500	
			13,500
16	paid insurance on Hope College for one year, from 14th inst.....		93 75
18	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, for library purposes.....		1,000
	paid insurance on three Professorial buildings, for one year from this date.....		67 50
	Carried forward.....		$78,235 84

1872.	Dr.		
	Brought forward		$78,235 84
April 30	To Cash paid Board of Domestic Missions, as follows:		
	for interest to April 30, 1871, on $250, bequeathed by Jacob Van Benschoten, deceased	16 90	
	for revenue accruing from Hymn Books for the Church Building Fund	132 83	
			149 73
	paid John I. Brower, as follows, viz.:		
	for one year's salary as Treasurer of General Synod	1,000	
	for postage stamps, stationery, and discount on uncurrent funds	39 14	
			1,039 14
	This amount apportioned to the following Funds, as per resolution of General Synod, viz:		
	Permanent Professorial Fund	474 10	
	Education Fund	240 80	
	Widows' Fund	256 21	
	Permanent Contingent Fund	5 32	
	Hope College Endowment Fund	62 71	
		$1,039 14	79,424 71
	Balance on hand carried to new account		7,106 35
			$86,531 06

1871.		Cr.		
May	1	By balance from last account		$9,077 83
		By Cash received for six months' interest to this date on $5,000, balance of bond		175
		for six months' interest to this date on bond of $8,000		280
	2	for six months' interest to June 6, 1871, on bond of $6,000		210
	3	for six months' interest to April 30, 1871, on bond of $6,000		210
	12	for six months' interest to April 28, on bond of $6,500		227 50
		for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of $5,000		175
		for six months' interest to March 15, 1871, on bond of $500		17 50
	24	for six months' interest to April 29, on bond of $15,000		450
		for six months' interest to May 1st, on bond of $5,000		150
		for six months' interest to May 19, on bond of $20,000		600
		for twelve months' interest to 1st inst., on subscription of $5,000 to the Permanent Fund of General Synod		300
June	1	for six months' interest to this date, on bond of $15,000		525
		for six months' interest to this date, on bond of $20,000		700
	5	for interest on bond of $18,000, on account		350
	10	for one year's interest to May 15, 1871, on bond of $1,000		70
		for six months' interest to 9th inst., on bond of $12,000		420
		for six months' interest to 6th inst., on bond of $2,500		87 50
		for six months' interest to May 1, 1871, on bond of $2,500		87 50
	15	from David Whitehead, Jr., in payment of his bond and mortgage	500	
		interest thereon	8 75	
				508 75
	17	for six months' interest to 15th inst, on bond of $8,000		280
	20	for six months' interest to 8th inst., on bond of $700		24 50
July	1	for six months' interest to June 23, on bond of $5,000		175
	6	from a Friend, per P. A. H. Jackson, for Permanent Fund of General Synod		50
	12	for six months' interest to 5th inst., on bond of $2,000		70
		Carried forward		$15,221 07

1871.		Cr.		
		Brought forward		$15,221 07
July	18	By Cash for six months' interest to 1st inst., on $5,200 U. S. 5-20 bonds, and gold premium thereon		175 11
		for six months' interest to 1st inst., on $4,500 U. S. coupon bonds, 1881, and gold premium thereon		151 54
	26	for six months' interest to May 11, 1871, on bond of $23,000		805
	27	for six months' interest to 24th inst., on bond of $5,000		175
		from the following persons, for twelve months' interest to May 1, 1871, on their subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod:		
	28	Geo. W. Jewett, Executor of Estate of Cornelius Duryee	15	
	31	Samuel Smith, Esq	15	
		David W. Wetmore	30	
				60
Aug.	1	received for six months' interest to July 28, on bond of $6,000		210
	4	for six months' dividend on fifty shares of the stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company		250
	5	for six months' interest to this date on bond of $4,000		126 67
		for six months' interest to this date on bond of $5,000		158 33
	15	for interest on bond of $15,000, from January 18 to this date		603 74
		for interest on bond of $3,000, from February 21 to this date		101 49
	30	for interest for six months to 8th inst., on bond of $500		17 50
Sept.	7	from Mrs. Chloe Drake, in payment of her bond and mortgage	2,500	
		interest thereon to this date	61 24	
				2,561 24
	11	for six months' interest to August 14, on bond of $7,000		245
		for interest on bond of $5,000, from February 27 to August 14		161 38
	12	for six months' interest to this date on bond of $3,200		112
	13	on account of interest on bond of $18,000		280
	16	for six months' interest to October 1, 1871, on two bonds, amounting to $10,000		350
	25	for six months' interest on bond of Sioux City and Pacific Railroad Co., of $1,000, $30, less tax 75 cents		29 25
		Carried forward		$21,794 32

1871.		Cr.		
		Brought forward		$21,794 33
Sept.	27	By Cash for payment of bond of the Township of Holland		100
	28	six months' interest to 23d inst., on bond of $3,800		133
	30	balance of interest to 10th inst., on bond of $18,000		245 85
Oct.	6	for six months' interest to this date, on bond of $7,000		245
	9	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on two bonds, amounting to $16,000		560
	10	on account of interest on two bonds of $500 each		100
	13	for six months' interest to 16th inst., on bond of $4,000		140
	20	for six months' interest to this date, on bond of $7,000		245
	23	for six months' interest to 22d inst., on two bonds amounting to $5,250		183 75
		for six months' interest to 21st inst., on bond of $5,000		175
	27	for proceeds of sale of eleven bonds of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co. . 11,000		
		less commission and tax	14 85	10,985 15
	28	received for six months' interest to 27th inst., on bond of $2,800		98
Nov.	1	for six months' interest to October 30, on bond of $6,000		210
	3	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of $5,000		175
	6	from William Duffield, in payment of his bond and mortgage	700	
		interest thereon from June 8	20 13	720 13
	7	for six months' interest to 1st inst, on bond of $8,000		280
	8	from John Lefferts, Esq., in payment of his note of $2,500 for Library of the Theological Seminary		2,500
	14	for twelve months' interest on bond of Pequannac Township, N. J., of $250		15
	22	for proceeds of the sale of $5,200 United States 5-20 bonds, 1867's		5,928
	23	for proceeds of the sale of twenty-three shares of the stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.	2,829	
		less commission and tax	3 67	2,825 33
	23	from the Washington Insurance Co., return of unearned premium		40 60
		Carried forward		$47,702 16

1871.	Cr.	
	Brought forward	$47,702 16
Nov. 25	By Cash for six months' interest to October 29, on bond of $15,000	512 50
	for six months' interest to Nov. 19th, on bond of $20,000	694 42
	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of $5,000	150
Dec. 1	for six months' interest to this date, on bond of $20,000	700
2	for six months' interest to 6th inst., on bond of $6,000	210
4	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of $15,000	525
7	for six months' interest to 6th inst., on bond of $2,500	87 50
11	for six months' interest to October 28th, on bond of $6,500	227 50
12	for six months' interest to 9th inst., on bond of $12,000	420
18	for six months' interest to 15th inst., on bond of $8,000	280
	for six months' interest to Nov. 1st, on bond of $5,000	175
28	for six months' interest on $50,000 of registered bonds of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company	1,750
30	from James E. Hedges, on account of his note of $2,500 for the Library of the Theological Seminary	1,500
1872.		
Jan. 3	received for six months' interest to Dec. 23d, 1871, on bond of $5,000	175
8	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on $4,500 U. S. bonds, "1881," Gold and premium thereon	147 82
10	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on $39,000 of registered bonds of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company	1,365
13	for proceeds of the sale of three bonds of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company	2,995 95
18	for proceeds of the sale of three bonds of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co	2,995 95
30	from William T. Runk, in payment of his note of $2,500 for the Library of the Theological Seminary	2,500
31	for six months' interest to 24th inst., on bond of $5,000	175
Feb. 1	for six months' interest to Jan. 28th, 1872, on bond of $6,000	210
2	for six months' interest to November 11, 1871, on bond of $23,000	805
6	for six months' dividend to 1st inst., on twenty-seven shares of the stock of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company	135
8	from Peter R. Warner, Centennial gift, toward paying the indebtedness of General Synod	100
	Carried forward	$66,538 80

1872.	Cr.		
	Brought forward		$66,538 80
Feb. 8	By Cash for six months' int. to 5th inst., on bond of $4,000		140
	for six months' interest to 5th inst., on bond of $5,000		175
9	for six months' interest to 15th inst., on two bonds amounting to $18,000		630
20	for six months' interest to 14th inst., on two bonds amounting to $12,000		420
Mc'h 11	for six months' interest to 10th inst., on bond of $18,000		630
12	for six months' interest to this date, on bond of $3,200		112
13	from John L. Smith, $1,000 in payment of his note, for endowment of the Theological Seminary		1,000
21	for interest on two bonds of the Sioux City & Pacific Railroad Company		58 50
25	for six months' interest to 23d inst., on bond of $3,800		133
27	for six months' interest to April 1st, on two bonds amounting to $10,000		350
28	for six months' interest to Feb. 8th, 1872, on bond of $500		17 50
April 4	for six months' interest to May 1st, 1872, on bond of $5,000		175
6	from William T. Lawrence, in payment of bond and mortgage of James N. Gifford	6,500	
	interest thereon	199 69	
			6,699 69
	received for six months' interest to this date on bond of $7,000		245
13	for six months' interest to 16th inst., on bond of $4,000		140
20	for six months' interest to 21st inst., on bond of $5,000		175
22	for interest on bond of $8,500 to 20th inst		254 32
23	for six months' interest to 20th inst on bond of $7,000		245
	for six months' interest to 27th inst., on bond of $2,800		98
	for six months' interest to 22d inst., on two bonds amounting to $5,250		183 75
27	from the Committee on Hymnology, per Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D., Chairman, for revenue accruing from Hymn Books, for the Church Building Fund		132 83
30	from the Board of Publication, as follows, viz:		
	for one year's interest to Nov. 1st, 1871, on note of $1,000	70	
	for one year's interest to Jan. 1st, 1872, on note of $500	35	
			105
	Carried forward		$78,658 39

1872.	Cr.		
April 30	Brought forward		$78,658 39
	By Cash from the Reformed Church at Nyack, for the Theological Seminary		7 04
	for proceeds of the sale of twelve shares of the stock of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company		1,444 10
	received from the following Classes during the year for Contingent Expenses and deficiency of income of General Synod:		
	Illinois, arrears on the 1st of May, 1871	$40 65	
	Hudson, arrears on the 1st of May, 1871	26 60	
	Saratoga, on account of arrears, May 1, 1871	100	
	Wisconsin, arrears on the 1st of May, 1871	27	
	Westchester, arrears May 1st, 1871	29 44	
	Monmouth, arrears May 1st, 1871	15 82	
	Saratoga, on account of arrears, May 1, 1871	50	
	Schoharie, arrears on May 1st, 1871	16 04	
	North Long Island, arrears May 1st, 1871	100 60	
	from the following Classes on account of assessment for Contingent Expenses and deficiency of income, directed to be made by General Synod, June 1871:		
	Kingston	130 26	
	New Brunswick, on account	34 64	
	Orange, on account	47 70	
	Monmouth, on account	3 43	
	South Bergen on account	52	
	Passaic, on account	26 55	
	Ulster	128 09	
	New York	316 15	
	Raritan	183 93	
	Hudson	101 16	
	Schoharie	59 46	
	Rensselaer	114 85	
	Westchester	106	
	Paramus	166 29	
	Illinois	86 84	
	Schenectady, on account	34 70	
	Albany	182 21	
	Newark	104 54	
	Bergen, on account	61	
			2,345 95
	received for the Widows' Fund during the year, viz:		
	First Ref. Church, Brooklyn	$141 28	
	Ref. Church, Lafayette, N. J.	13	
	" Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	12 50	
	" Syracuse	17 77	
	Anonymous, enclosed in envelope, post-mark Brooklyn	25	
	Reformed Church at New Salem	5 45	
	Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, N. Y.	54 72	
	Ref. Church, N. and Southampton	5 50	
	Carried forward		$82,455 48

2872.	Cr.			
April 30	Brought forward			$82,455 48
	First Ref. Church Kingston	58	73	
	Ref. Church, Fallsburgh	4		
	" Rochester, Classis of Geneva	15	60	
	" Prospect Hill, N. Y	12		
	Second Ref. Church, Schenectady	6		
	First Ref. Church, Pella, Iowa	17	35	
	Ref. Church, Astoria	16	33	
	" Six Mile Run	20		
	" Sayville, L. I	2		
	" Stuyvesant	10	52	
	Rev. E. Nevius	5		
	South Ref. Church, Brooklyn	5	01	
	Ref. Church, East Greenbush	17	90	
	" Griggstown	9	50	
	" Addisville, Penn	6	16	
	First Ref. Church, Newark	20		
	" " Claverack	8		
	Mrs. Francis T. Luqueer	15		
	Ref. Church, East New York	13	25	
	Ref. Church, Berea, Orange County, N. Y.	5		
	First Ref. Church. Glenville. N. Y	3		
	Second Ref. Church, Coxsackie	10	50	
	Ref. Church, Middleburgh. N. Y	4	49	
	First R. Dutch Church, Van Voorst, Jersey City	24	71	
	Second Ref. Church, Poughkeepsie	21	64	
	Ref. Church, Addisville, Pa	3	29	
	A member of the Reformed Church, at Astoria, L. I., Centennial Offering	50		
	First Ref. Church at Paterson	21	25	
	Ref. Church, Kinderhook	14	17	
	" Middleburgh	3	75	
	" Middlebush, N. J	14		
	First Ref. Church, Bayonne, N. J	3	70	
	Ref. Church, New Hackensack, N. Y	6	25	
	" Middlebush, N. J	11	75	
	" Port Richmond, S. I	30		
	" Belleville, N. J	16	25	
	" Catskill	18	12	
	" Spring Valley, N. Y	3	08	
	" Twelfth St, Brooklyn	7	31	
	" Lafayette	60		
	" Chittenango	7	10	
	First Ref. Church, Hudson, N. Y	25		
	German Evan. Mission Church, Houston St., N. Y	25		
	Second R. Church, Claverack	40		
	Ref. Church, Bergen Point	43		
	" Mina, N. Y	4	50	
	" Long Branch	5		
	Carried forward			$82,455 48

1872.	Cr.		
April 30	Brought forward		$82,455 48
	German Evangelical St.Peter's Church, Williamsburgh, L. I.	4	
	Reformed Church at Fallsburgh	14	
	Second R. Church at Newark	7 80	
	Ref. Church, Nyack	5 78	
			1,050 51
	Received for the Widows' Fund during the year, where $20 of each amount is to apply to the credit of Pastors, as follows, viz:		
	from the Reformed Church at Green Point, L. I., Rev. Alex. McKelvey, Pastor	20	
	Reformed Church, Geneva, Rev. Samuel J. Rogers, Pastor	20	
	First Reformed Church at Holland, Rev. R. Pieters, Pastor	31	
	Third Reformed Church, Jersey City, Rev. J. H. Suydam, Pastor	21 29	
	Reformed Church English Neighborhood, Rev. A. B. Taylor, Pastor	20	
	Reformed Church, New Utrecht, L. I., Rev. David S. Sutphen, Pastor	20	
	Second Holland Church, Paterson 10		
	Churches of Classis of Paramus 10		
	to apply to the credit of Rev. A. K. Kaase	20	
	Reformed P. Dutch Church, Flatbush, L. I., Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, Pastor,	44 40	
	First Reformed Church at New Brunswick, Rev. R. H. Steele, D.D., Pastor.	49 44	
	Reformed Church at Yonkers, Rev. David Cole, D.D., Pastor	28 78	
	North Reformed Church, Brooklyn, Rev. William T. Enyard, Pastor	14 16	
	First Reformed Church, Newtown, L. I., Rev. Charles I. Shephard, Pastor	21	
	Reformed Church at Niskayuna 20 70		
	" " Lisha's Kill 19 30		
	Rev. J. A. DeBaun, Pastor for 2 years	40	
	Reformed Church at New Paltz, Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., Pastor.	20	
	Reformed Church, Branchville, Rev. Wm. Pitcher, Pastor	20	
			390 07
	received from the following clergymen during the year, for their annual payments to the Widows' Fund, viz:		
	Rev. W. W. Halloway	$20	
	G. M. S. Blauvelt	20	
	Henry A. Raymond	20	
	David D. Demarest, D.D.	20	
	Carried forward		$83,896 06

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April 30	Brought forward			$83,896 06
	Rev. John A. Lansing, D.D	20		
	Joseph Wilson	20		
	Stephen Searle	20		
	George H. Peeke	20		
	P. D. Van Cleef, D.D	20		
	William B. Gilmore	20		
	Cyril Spaulding	20		
	Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D	20		
	J. R. Talmage	20		
	John H. Bevier	20		
	John H. Duryee, D.D	20		
	John Gardner	20		
	Elbert N. Sebring	20		
	I. S. Demund	20		
	A H. Myers	20		
	James Huyssoon	20		
	B. C. Lippincott	20		
	William G. E. See	20		
	E Vedder	20		
	A. J Sebring	20		
	H. W. F. Jones	20		
	John L. See, D.D	20		
	A. J. Sebring, two years, and int.	44	20	
				564 20
	received for the Disabled Ministers' Fund during the year as follows, viz:			
	from the R. Church. English Neighbor'd	20		
	First Ref. Church, Brooklyn	141	29	
	" " Claverack	11	50	
	Reformed Church, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	12	51	
	" " Syracuse	23	23	
	Anonymous, enclosed in envelope, post marked Brooklyn.	25		
	Reformed Church at Green Point, L. I.	2	37	
	" " Sixth Avenue, N. Y.	8	40	
	" " Port Jervis	18	44	
	" " Geneva	19		
	" " Lafayette, N. J.	16		
	First Ref. Church Tarrytown	33		
	Reformed Church, Jamaica, L. I.	30		
	First Reformed Church, Grand Rapids	7	60	
	Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church	54	72	
	Reformed Church at Fallsburgh, N. Y.	4		
	" " Prospect Hill, N. Y.	12		
	First Ref. Church, Pella, Iowa	20		
	" " Kingston	42	98	
	Reformed Church, Astoria, L. I.	20		
	" " Lafayette, N. J.	12		
	" " Stuyvesant	5	56	
	Rev. E. Nevius	5		
	Second Ref. Church New Brunswick	36	44	
	Carried forward			$84,460 26

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April 30	Brought forward			$84,460 26
	Reformed Church East Greenbush	20	66	
	South Reformed Church, Brooklyn	5	01	
	Ref. Church, Rhinebeck	20	03	
	" Addisville, Pa	6	16	
	" N. and Southampton	5		
	from Mrs. Francis T. Luqueer	15		
	Reformed Church, Berea, Orange Co.	5		
	" " E. New York, N. Y.	13	25	
	" " Layfayette, N. J.	21	50	
	" " Holmdel, N. J.	30		
	Reformed Prot. Dutch Church, Ithaca	22	90	
	Rev. William H. Steele, D.D., Centennial Offering	50		
	Reformed Church, Middleburgh	4	49	
	" " Fonda	6		
	Collegiate Ref. Dutch Church, viz:			
	Cent. gift of Miss Josephine Oothout	100		
	Centennial gift of P. S. Halstead	10		
	Second Ref. Church Poughkeepsie	21	65	
	Ref. Church, Flatbush	24	40	
	First Reformed Church, N. Brunswick	100		
	Mission Chapel of the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, corner of Seventh Avenue and Fifty-fourth street	8	02	
	Reformed Church Addisville, Pa	3	29	
	" " Yonkers	26	14	
	A member of the Reformed Church, Astoria, Centennial Offering	50		
	First Ref. Church, Paterson	21	25	
	Reformed Church, Kinderhook	14	17	
	" " Middleburgh	3	75	
	" " Pottersville, N. J.	1	20	
	Second Ref. Church Pella, Iowa	19	50	
	Individuals of the Reformed Church at Stuyvesant, Centennial gifts	3		
	Reformed Church, New Hackensack	7		
	First Ref. Church, Glenville, N. Y.	2	75	
	" " " Poughkeepsie	51	35	
	Ref. Church, Port Richmond	30		
	" Spring Valley	3	08	
	" Twelfth St., Brooklyn	7	32	
	" Lafayette, N. J.	40		
	North Reformed Church, Newark	62	33	
	First Reformed Church, Hudson	25		
	"A Friend," Montville, N. J, Centennial gift	50		
	German Evangelical Mission Church, Houston Street, N. Y	25		
	Reformed Dutch Church, New Paltz	8	33	
	Carried forward			$84,560 26

1872.	Cr.		
April 30	Brought forward		$84,460 26
	Second Reformed Church, Claverack	40	
	Reformed Church, Kinderhook, Centennial subscription	15	
	Reformed Church at Bergen Point	25	
	" " Long Branch	5	
	" " Bayonne, N. J	4 35	
	German Evangelical St. Peter's Church, Williamsburgh, L. I.	5	
	Reformed Church at Northumberland	25	
	Second Reformed Church at Newark	7 30	
	Also Centennial offering	50	
	Reformed Church at Nyack	6 88	
			1,708 10
	received for the Endowment Fund of Hope College:		
	from First Ref. Church at Claverack		30
	received on account of the assessment of $20,000, made by General Synod, June, 1864, for the purpose of increasing the Permanent Fund of Synod, viz:		
	from Classis of Rensselaer	93	
	" Montgomery	55 70	
	" Rensselaer	184	
			332 70
	Total		$86,531 06
May 1	By balance on hand brought forward		$7,106 35

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1872.

The subscribers, a committee appointed to examine the accounts of JOHN I. BROWER, Treasurer, have examined the same, with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance on hand of seven thousand one hundred and six dollars and thirty-five cents.

P. R. WARNER,
JOHN VAN NEST,
Committee.

MAY 31st, 1872.

Annual Digest.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows:

FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutger's College, amounted on April 1, 1872 to	$20,313	57
Of which there is loaned upon bonds, secured by mortgages upon property in the State of New Jersey, to the amount of	19,650	
Balance on hand uninvested	663	57
There has been paid to students, etc., out of the income of this Fund, during the year	1,316	50
Cash on hand, April 1, 1872	180	50

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

The amount of this Fund, which is loaned upon bonds, secured by mortgages in the State of New Jersey, is	$2,000	
There has been paid to a student, out of the income of this Fund, during the year	150	
Balance on hand, April 1, 1872	471	78

EDUCATION FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc.	$31,400	
Balance of principal, April 30, 1872	37	16
Balance of interest received to April 30, 1872	2,364	49

PERMANENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund, in which is included the donation of Colonel Henry Rutgers, deceased, for the benefit of Rutgers College, invested in bonds secured by mortgages, etc.	$148,300	
Residences of Professors on Seminary grounds	9,767	85
Balance of Fund not invested	41,363	37
	$199,431	22
House and lot corner George street and Seminary avenue, N. B.	18,000	
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at	180	
Amount of subscriptions to the Permanent Fund, upon which interest is received	6,400	
Notes received towards the endowment of the Theological Seminary, and for Library	24,800	

WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc.	$32,700	
Balance of principal to April 30, 1872	1,815	90
There has been paid to annuitants, out of the income of this Fund, during the year	1,920	88
Balance on hand April 30, 1872	1,345	83

PERMANENT CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund, April 30, 1872	$1,911	23
Of which is invested	1,800	

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

There has been invested for this Board, on bond secured by mortgage	$250	
Balance of interest to April 30, 1872	17	17

HOPE COLLEGE.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds, secured by mortgages, etc., for the endowment of this College	$22,200	
Balance of Fund not yet invested	100	89
Balance of interest on hand April 30, 1872	760	18

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

Balance of this Fund on April 30, 1872, of which is a note for	$1,000	
Balance on hand on April 30, 1872	2,069	82
There has been paid from this Fund during the year	1,800	

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bond secured by mortgage	$8.500	
Balance on hand not yet invested	1,500	
And fifteen shares of the Capital Stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.		
There has been received for dividends on Stock, and for interest, and paid to the Board of Education, during the year ending April 30, 1872	767	44

LEGACY OF MRS. ANN HERTZOG.

This Legacy, the interest of which is to be applied for repairs to Hertzog Hall, is invested upon bonds secured by mortgages, etc	$10,000

THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY.

There has been received for securing a Library	$34,000
And notes, in addition, to the amount of	13,500
And there has been expended for books	18,500

GYMNASIUM AND ACADEMIC BUILDING.

There has been paid, during the year, towards the erection of this building	$20,000
There are remaining with the Treasurer, thirty-three bonds of $1,000 each, of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, towards the completion of said building	33,000

ASSETS IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER.

Bonds and mortgages, and bonds and notes, amounting to	$303,350	
Railroad bonds	2,000	
Three Township bonds	2,250	
U. S. 5-20 bonds	4,500	
Residences of Professors, amount advanced	9,767	86
Cash in Bank	7,106	35
Deposited in U. S Trust Company	13,500	
Advances for salaries, contingent expenses, repairs of Hertzog Hall and repairs of residences of Professors	41,309	48
	$383,783	68

Certificate for fifteen shares of the Capital Stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, belonging to the Parochial School Fund. Also thirty-three bonds of the Délaware and Hudson Canal Company for the erection of the James Suydam Hall.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

Balance from last year	$239 99
Received for Minutes	590 34
	$830 33
Paid for Minutes, postage, etc.	801 51
Balance on hand	$28 82

P. R. WARNER, *President.*

M. S. HUTTON,
JOHN VAN NEST,
JAMES SUYDAM, } *Directors.*

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 31, 1872.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

OF THE

GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

1871.		Dr.			
May	1	To balance from last account, being advances for salaries, contingent expenses, and repairs on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall			$33,762 44
	8	To Cash paid the Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, for repairs	1 500		
June	9	paid insurance on said Hall	193	12	
	14	paid Delegates for traveling expenses in attending the meeting of General Synod	396		
	17	paid Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D., traveling expenses as Corresponding Delegate	53	25	
	19	paid Rev. S. W. Mills, do.	48		
	20	paid Rev. John A. Todd, D.D., for do.	112		
		paid Rev. P. Peltz, D.D., expenses as a member of a Special Committee on the Organization of Hope College	18	34	
	26	paid Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D., for expenses in attending the meeting of Synod, to preach the sermon on Benevolence	12	50	
		paid Professors in the Theological Seminary, for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst.	3,000		
July	5	paid insurance on three Professorial dwellings	90		
		paid Rev. David D. Demarest D.D., for one year's salary as Stated Clerk	150		
		for expenses of the meeting of Synod	117	50	
	25	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., for for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents, and expenses	29	40	
		and for one year's salary as Permanent Clerk of General Synod, and expenses	56		
Aug.	19	paid for insurance on the furniture and Library in the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall	67	50	
Sept.	1	paid Professors in the Theological Seminary for one quarter's salary, due this day	3,000		
		Carried forward			$33,762 44

		Brought forward		$33.762 44
Sept.	23	To Cash paid Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall. for repairs on Professorial dwellings	2,500	
	29	paid Rev. E. C. Oggel, for traveling expenses as Delegate in attending the meeting of General Synod this month	25	
Oct.	6	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., expenses of meeting of Synod in Sept.	13	
	14	paid Rev. G. Talmage, expenses as Corresponding Delegate	53	
	28	paid insurance on Peter Hertzog Hall.	127 50	
Nov.	1	paid Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, expenses as Corresponding Delegate	15	
	15	paid Committee on Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, for one years salary of the Janitor and fuel	120	
		and interest on Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog	325	
	23	paid insurance on the Library in the Hertzog Hall	45	
		paid Rev. Jas. A. H. Cornell, D.D., salary to 1st inst.	2,499 99	
Dec.	1	paid Professors in the Theological Seminary for one quarter's salary due this day	2,250	
		paid balance of salary of Rev. Joseph F. Berg., D.D., late Professor, to Jan. 20, 1872	1,166 67	
	28	paid funeral expenses of the late Rev. Joseph F. Berg, D.D	272	
1872, March	1	paid Professors in the Theological Seminary for one quarter's salary due this day	2,250	
	7	paid insurance on Professorial dwellings for five years	55	
April	18	paid insurance on three Professorial dwellings for one year	67 50	
	30	paid John I. Brower, apportionment of salary as Treasurer	474 10	
				21,102 37
				$54,864 81
May	1	To Balance brought forward, being advances for salaries, contingent expenses, and repairs of the Hertzog Hall and Professorial dwellings		$41,309 48

1872.	Cr.		
May 1	By Cash received from the Classes during the year	$2,345 95	
	return of unearned premium of insurance	40 60	
	from Peter R. Warner, Centennial Gift	100	
	for repairs	8 88	
	from Reformed Church at Nyack	7 04	
	interest on bonds and mortgages	9,935 18	
	" on railroad bond	58 50	
	" on subscriptions	360	
	" on Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog	686 8[illegible]	
	" from Perm. Contingent Fund	12 3[illegible]	
			13,555 33
	Balance carried forward		41,309 48
			$54,864 81

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1872.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF GENERAL SYNOD, MAY, 1, 1872.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

In accordance with resolution of the General Synod, I forward an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised to meet deficiency in revenues of Synod, for the year commencing May 1, 1872:—

EXPENSES RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Salaries of Professors	$12,000	
Salary of the Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents, and expenses	30	
Salary of Janitor of Hertzog Hall, and fuel	120	
Salary of Treasurer of General Synod, apportionment	500	
Insurance on the Hertzog Theological Hall	225	
Insurance on Furniture and Library in said Hall	125	
Insurance on Professorial dwellings	200	
Repairs on Hertzog Hall and Professorial dwellings	250	
Sundries	225	
	13,675	
Estimated interest to meet the same	10 200	
Estimated deficiency		$3,475

Should the Financial Agency be resumed, the expenses will be increased.

OTHER EXPENSES.

Traveling expenses of Delegates from Particular Synod of Chicago	$396
Traveling expenses of Corresponding Delegates	300
Salary and traveling expenses of Stated Clerk	280
Salary and traveling expenses of Permanent Clerk	124
Expenses at meeting of Synod	100
Sundries	200
Estimate to meet the same by assessment on the Classes	$1,400

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1, 1872.

The Committee on the Board of Direction presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The following documents, accompanying the Annual Report of the Board of Direction, May 1, 1872, have been received, viz:—1. Annual Report; 2. Annual Digest; 3. Treasurer's Account; 4. List of Securities belonging to the General Synod; 5. Endowed Scholarships; 6. Education Fund Income Account; 7. Widows' Fund; 8. Widows' Fund Income Account; 9. Hope College Endowment Fund; 10. Hope College Income; 11. Disabled Ministers' Fund; 12. Expense Account; 13. Van Benschoten Fund Invested; 14. Van Benschoten Bond and Mortgage Fund; Van Benschoten Fund Account; 16. Knox Fund Account.

The following papers were referred to their respective committees, viz: Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Fund; the applications of disabled ministers for aid, from the Classes of Orange and Geneva, to the Board of Direction; also the communications from the several Classes in reference to assessments.

In consequence of the insufficiency of the income from the Permanent Fund of General Synod to meet its liabilities, your Committee would most respectfully and earnestly invite the attention of the Synod to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the special endowment by James Suydam of forty thousand dollars ($40,000) for the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology be kept sacred, the interest thereof to be used exclusively for the payment of the salary of said Professorship; also of any other sum or sums, given or hereafter given by James Suydam for the above said purposes, and that the principal of all of said sums or endowments shall be kept intact.

Resolved, That as soon as the Permanent Fund shall amount to a sum, the interest of which shall be adequate to equalize the salaries of each of the other three Professors, with that of the Professor of Didactic Theology, it, together with all endowments specially donated to either of the said Professorships, shall be invested, and the income thereof used exclusively for the salaries of said Professorships, and that the principal of said endowments, and Permanent Funds, be kept intact for said above purposes.

Resolved, That the Board of Direction are hereby most respectfully requested to resume their efforts, to raise also a permanent fund, to be known as the Contingent Expense Fund of Gene

ral Synod, for insurance, repairs, painting, etc., of the Seminary buildings, protection of the grounds, and current expenses of General Synod.

Resolved, That the Board of Direction be requested to obtain the services of such agent or agents as they will approve, and that they inaugurate such measures as in their judgment will procure the above most desirable and essential fund, at as early a day as possible.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of General Synod be requested hereafter to report the Permanent Fund as the "*Permanent Seminary Fund;*" and the Contingent Fund as the "*Permanent Contingent Fund.*"

Resolved, That the amount already paid for the expenses for raising the Endowment Fund be charged to the portion of the Endowment Fund so raised.

Resolved, That the Board of Direction make such reduction of assessments, except for contingent expenses, in favor of Classes which have paid their proportion of the sum of $20,000, as may be equitable.

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Synod are given to the Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, for the very important services rendered by him, and that he be requested to continue to act as the agent of the General Synod for procuring the necessary funds for the completion of the buildings now in progress of erection in New Brunswick, for increasing the Endowment Fund, and for raising funds for the endowment of a fifth Professorship.

Resolved, That the Board of Direction be authorized to arrange with Dr. Cornell, or other suitable agent, for a proper compensation for his services, the amount so paid to be charged to such funds as may be raised by said agent.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

The term of service of Mr. James Suydam having expired, he was unanimously re-elected a member of the Board of Direction.

The resignation of Mr. Peter R. Warner, as President of the Board of Direction, having been received, Synod unanimously

Resolved, That, in view of the efficient services of Mr. P. R.

Warner, he be requested to withdraw his resignation, as it is the earnest desire of the Synod not to accept it.

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Reports were received from Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; Rev. R. H. Steele, Delegate to the United Presbyterian Church; Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South); from Rev. E. P. Livingston, Delegate to the Synod of Ohio of the Reformed Church in the United States; from Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, Delegate to the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States; and from Rev. Charles N. Waldron, Delegate to the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

These Reports were referred to the Committee on Correspondence, and it was

Resolved, That they be read at the time of the reception of Delegates from other bodies.

Rev. G. Diehl, D.D., appeared with credentials as Corresponding Delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, and was received.

Rev. J. R. Wilson, D.D., appeared with credentials, and was received as Corresponding Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, (South).

Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D.D., and Rev. J. H. Frazee presented credentials, and were received as Corresponding Delegates from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Rev. George W. Williard, D.D., presented credentials, and was received as Corresponding Delegate from the Synod of Ohio, of the Reformed Church in the United States.

A report was received from Rev. Philip Peltz, Special Commissioner to the Synod of Ohio, of the Reformed Church in the United States, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. P. Seibert Davis presented his credentials, and was received as Corresponding Delegate from the Synod (Eastern) of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The credentials of the Rev. W. J. Macdowell, as Corresponding Delegate of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, were presented, accompanied by a letter from the Delegate expressing reasons for his inability to attend in person, and extending to the Synod the sympathies and Christian salutations of the body he was appointed to represent.

The credentials of Rev. Andrew Gifford Wylie, of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, as Corresponding Delegate from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, were received, and he being present, was recognized, and addressed the Synod.

The Committee on Correspondence with the Classis of North Carolina presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee appointed by the last General Synod to open a correspondence with the Classis of North Carolina, on the subject of union, respectfully report that they have discharged the duty assigned them. The correspondence has been very cordial, and has been received in a very friendly spirit, with warm expressions of the desirableness of a union with our Church.

As your Committee, however, find that the Classis of North Carolina is an integral part of the Reformed Church in the United States, a fact of which the Synod was doubtless not aware when the Committee was appointed, no steps had been taken which would involve the Synod in controversy, or which would be deemed discourteous to a sister Church.

As the desire of the Classis of North Carolina is so warmly expressed on the subject of union, should obstacles be removed, it is to be hoped that through the action of the Synod of Ohio, and the approaching meeting of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, the removal of obstacles to the contemplated union with us may be speedily looked for.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. WEST, *Chairman.*

The following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Corresponding Delegate from the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South), expressed to this Synod the interest which his Church feels in the hope of closer relations with our own, and

Whereas, So formal an overture from so large and respectable a body, of kindred faith and order, is deserving of the most courteous attention,

Resolved, That a Committee of five ministers and three elders be appointed to consider carefully the matter of the desirableness and feasibility of the proposed relations, and to report thereon, if possible, to the next General Synod.

The following were appointed the Committee, the President being added by a vote of the Synod: Rev. H. D. Ganse, Joachim Elmendorf, A. B. Van Zandt, P. D. Van Cleef, Elbert S. Porter, E. T. Corwin, and the Elders, Robert H. Pruyn, Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, and Frederick Hughson.

The following communication from the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Ohio, of the Reformed Church in the United States, was received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence:

The subject of union between the Reformed Church in America and the Reformed Church in the United States was disposed of by the Synod of Ohio, by the adoption of the following action:

"That the Synod has heard with pleasure the Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., who was appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, held at Albany, New York, in June, 1871, a Special Commissioner, in connection with its Delegate, the Rev. Edward P. Livingston, to state to this Body the aspect of union as it presented itself to their Synod. Having heard the Commissioner, we would say, in return, that we regard the union of these two branches of the Church as most important for our common Reformed faith, as maintained in our venerable symbol, the Heidelberg Catechism, and that we are ready to co-operate in any and all measures calculated to secure this desirable end, which be believe to be in conformity with the prayer of the great Head of the Church, the spirit of our holy religion, and the wish of all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth.

The Synod is also entirely satisfied with the Christian spirit and sincerity of our brethren of the Reformed Church in America touching the movement, especially since it is assured by the worthy Commissioner that the Synod of Albany had no design to ignore or show disrespect to any judicatory of our Church, and that the action assumed the shape it did because they were not able at the time to

Synod, as our delegate had left before the action was taken. That the movement did not start with the General Synod, is no just reason why it should not be fairly considered in all its aspects, and meet with a hearty co-operation for a satisfactory termination.

Being thus relieved of the difficulties which were supposed to exist at first, and seeing how the Lord seems to be moving the different portions of the Church to seek a closer union, it is believed that the present movement is under His direction, and should be cordially seconded; therefore

Resolved, That the subject of union, as presented by our brethren of the Reformed Church in America, be referred to our General Synod for its consideration, at its approaching meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Resolved, That the Delegate from this Synod to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America be instructed to lay this action before that body, with proper explanations, and request the appointment of a Commissioner to our General Synod, with the view of furthering the object of union.

Resolved, That the Union here contemplated meets with the cordial favor and approval of this Synod, and that it earnestly requests the General Synod to adopt such measures as will be calculated to affect it as early as possible, upon such a basis as will be just and honorable to all concerned.

Resolved, That we request the North Western Synod to consider the question of union between the two Churches, and that, if it meet their favor, they unite with us in overturing our General Synod to this end."

This is to certify that the foregoing action was adopted by the Synod of Ohio, of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its annual meeting in May, 1872, at Canton, Ohio; and that it is a correct copy of the original Minutes.

[Attest,] ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

MIAMISBURG, OHIO, May 20th, 1872.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Correspondence would report that they have had before them the various papers relating to correspondence with

other bodies; but as these papers and any necessary action of Synod connected therewith will appear in other parts of the Minutes, it is not necessary to refer more particularly to them. They only recommend

1st. That our Delegate to the German Reformed Church be authorized to ascertain the views of that body on the subject of union.

2d. That in any case where a Delegate from any other body has not appeared for two years, our appointed Delegate shall correspond by letter.

3d. That the interchange of Delegates between Particular Synods be discontinued.

Respectfully submitted.

A. G. VERMILYE, *Chairman.*

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The following were appointed:

To the General Assembly in the United States of America:—Rev. H. D. Ganse, *Primarius*; Rev. J. H. Duryea, *Secundus.*

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South):—Rev. Charles H. Stitt, *Primarius*; Rev. E. P. Terhune, *Secundus.*

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church:—Rev. E. A. Collyer, *Primarius*; Rev. W. H. Gleason, *Secundus.*

To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:—Rev. James Le Fevre, *Primarius*; Rev. P. M. Doolittle, *Secundus.*

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:—Rev. Philip Peltz, *Primarius*; Rev. John A. De Baun, *Secundus.*

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church:—Rev. William Reiley, *Primarius*; Rev. O. E. Cobb, *Secundus.*

To the Canada Presbyterian Church:—Rev. A. P. Peeke, *Primarius*; Rev. M. L. Berger, *Secundus.*

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORT.

The Committee on the State of Religion presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

Once more the Church of Christ asks of those whom she has placed as sentinels at the posts of duty, "Watchmen, what of the night?" Can we send back the answer, "Behold the morning cometh?"

We look over the broad field the Church presents in the various Reports received through the Particular Synods.

STATISTICS.

The number of Churches reported is four hundred and ninety-one (491). Of ministers, five hundred and nine, (509), being an increase of twenty-four (24) Churches, and a decrease of one (1) in the number of the ministry.

There have been received into the fellowship of the Church, on confession of their faith in Christ, four thousand one hundred and eleven (4,111) persons; by certificate from other Churches, two thousand two hundred and fifty-five (2,255). The total number of communicants reported is sixty-five thousand two hundred and seventeen (65,217), showing as compared with the number reported last year a net gain of one thousand seven hundred and thirty-four (1,734).

These statements, it will be seen, do not vary very much from those of the preceding year. There is here that which may well inspire hope; while there is, at the same time, much that ought to lead to earnest prayer and questioning. It is not our privilege to tell of any general revival of religion, yet there are indications of a steady growth. Twenty-one (21) Churches in the various Classes speak of gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit; while many others tell of awakened interest. The Church stands firm in the "faith once delivered to the saints." The Gospel has been faithfully preached, the ordinances administered, and the whole service of the outward sanctuary maintained.

But it is not easy to form a just estimate of the real religious condition of a Church simply from the facts and figures thus presented. The Church is as the reservoir that supplies the city with

water. It matters little how magnificent are the architectural proportions of the building, no matter how much of art may be enlisted in its adornments; the pipes rough, unpolished, buried underground, all out of sight, are after all of most importance; but even these are *incidental* to the grand result, their office is to bear the pure water, for drink and cleansing. The test of success and use is found in their adaptation and capacity. So, year after year, we may call upon those whom we represent to look upon the fair proportions of Zion—bid them count her towers and tell the stones thereof; but the real religious life has its sources in the thousands of individual hearts that claim to follow the Master.

"Pure religion and undefiled" *is* not the arrangement of machinery, nor yet the massing of wonderful appliances, for work; *it is* to visit the widow and fatherless in their affliction and to keep one's self unspotted from the world. Hearts touched with the love of Christ, surcharged so that they send out a constant influence for good, letting themselves down to men that they may lift them up, bearing others' burdens, measure the volume of moral force, and thus alone manifest the reality of spiritual power. The question then, to which we seek an answer, is, "In what degree does the Church meet the demands of the world upon her sympathy and help?" Christian activity thus becomes the evidence and test of living Love, of practical Faith, of vital Piety. We cannot answer the question fully without a more intimate acquaintance with the inner life of individual Churches. But this we know, that the vast field of "Christian work" is not and never has been overcrowded. We desire to reach every Church; nay, every individual enlisted by profession on the side of Christ, and propose the inquiry, "What are you doing for your Master? Do you give Him the fullness of your being, the glory of your life, the service of your heart and hands?" Let us ever remember this as the law of all life, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

BENEVOLENCE.

It hence follows that you will find in the benevolence of the Church the most reliable gauge by which to estimate the reality of her religious life. "Lovest thou me?" saith Christ, "Feed my lambs—feed my sheep—care for those whom I care for. Go forth to succor and to help."

The financial year that has just closed has been peculiar. A year of large demands, and in some quarters of abounding enthusiasm.

The Centennial Memorial Fund has to a large extent engaged the attention of the Churches. A partial report from the Centennial Committee has been placed in our hands. It appears from this statement that the full amount reported to the Committee as the Centennial offering of the Churches, is six hundred and eighty-four thousand two hundred and fifty-one dollars and twenty-one cents, ($684,251.21). It is not necessary that the amounts given to the various Boards and other objects be here specified, since a complete report will in time be presented, showing the objects aided as well as the amounts received from individual Churches.

Your Committee, however, feel constrained to call attention to the fact that of this amount, $543,103.19 is the sum expended by the Churches upon their own home work, which, while it serves to strengthen the work of the Church and in the end adds to its general efficiency, yet does not greatly help either to reduce the debt of the Boards of our Church, nor enable them to occupy new fields of labor. The Committee state that they have not received full reports from all the Churches, and that many are still prosecuting their efforts; they therefore suggest that the time for taking such collections be extended. In view of which your Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the time of collecting the Centennial Memorial Fund be extended to the 1st of January, 1873, and that the same Committee be continued, and that in the end they report the full result of Centennial collections throughout the Church, indicating the amount given, and furnish a tabulated statement specifying what proportion has been given to the general work of the Church, and what for home objects, both from Churches and individuals.

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Synod be and hereby are extended to the Centennial Committee for the judicious zeal manifested and the thoroughness with which they have thus far performed the work entrusted to them.

The current benevolence of the Church shows a decided increase over the last year. For "Religious and Benevolent" purposes the report shows an increase of $31,182.86, and for "Congregational

purposes" of $108,875.62; how far the Churches have included their *Centennial* offerings in these reports, your Committee are not informed.

There is no subject of more importance to the welfare and progress of our Church than the matter of giving. Your Committee recommend,

Resolved, That the attention of our Pastors is hereby earnestly and affectionately called to the subject of systematic benevolence, and that each be enjoined by "The General Synod" at least once in each year to bring the subject before the people in a sermon, setting forth the teaching of the Word of God in reference to the subject. And that this be done, so far as practicable, some time during the month of October.

Resolved, That the attention of pastors and consistories is especially called to the often reiterated *requirement* of the General Synod, that each Church take up at least one collection each year on behalf of every one of the Boards of our Church, and that the Classes observe the greatest care in their inquiries upon this subject.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee find that according to the received reports, the average number of Sunday School scholars reported is 411 less than last year. We are fully persuaded that this must be the result of some error in reporting, growing out of misunderstanding in reference to what is required. We cannot but believe that there is in reality a large increase in the number of scholars in our Sunday Schools.

The mistake arises, in our judgment, from the method of reporting. The Churches are asked to give the average number of scholars, not the number on the roll. Every one at all familiar with Sunday School work well knows that many causes may influence the average number in attendance, operating differently in different years —the number of rainy Sundays, the prevalence of sickness in localities. In connection with the subject your Committee have had three memorials submitted to them—one from South Classis of Bergen, one from the Classis of Illinois, and the other from Rev. N. D. Williamson, asking for a change in the arrangement of our statistical tables. We recommend:

Resolved, That the heading, "Number in Biblical Instruction,"

be dropped from the tables, and in its place be inserted, "Number of Schools," and that the heading, "Average number of Scholars," be changed to read, "Total number of Scholars." It was also asked that a column be added headed, "Number of Officers and Teachers;" but this change will necessitate new plates for these tables, which will entail considerable expense; while those recommended can be easily made, and with little or no additional cost, and will, in our judgment, fully meet the real necessities of the case.

NECROLOGY OF THE YEAR AND MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The following of our ministry have been called by the Master to come up higher:—Rev. John V. N. Schenck, of the Classis of Passaic; Rev. David A. Jones, of the Classis of Hudson; Rev. T. B. Gregory, and Rev. H. B. Stryker, of the Classis of New York; Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, D.D., of the Classis of Albany. They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

There have been three (3) dismissed to other Churches, and seven (7) have been received from the Presbyterian Church.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

In regard to the observance of the Sabbath, your Committee recommend the following:

Whereas, There seems to be a growing laxity both of teaching and practice concerning the sanctity of the Lord's Day, therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby declare our firm faith in the Divine institution of the Sabbath. It is God's appointment as a day of worship, and of rest. And we call upon all who love the Church of God—who have at heart the social and civil welfare of our country, to set themselves against any attempt to break down the barriers of moral restraint, by the perversion of the day of Christian rest, to any purposes that shall be inconsistent with its obligation as enjoined in the teachings of Christ.

Let us "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."

TEMPERANCE.

Upon the subject of temperance, the Committee would call attention to and reiterate the resolution of the General Synod, passed in 1870, page 57 of the Minutes of that year:

"*Resolved*, That we urge upon our ministers, both by precept and example, to inculcate habits of abstinence from intoxicating

beverages, and to deal faithfully with the consciences of those who are engaged in the liquor traffic."

In accordance with custom, we recommend that the last Thursday in January be set apart as a day of prayer for colleges and all institutions of learning. And that so far as may be consistent with any given system of benevolence adopted by the Churches, the annual collection for the Board of Education be taken up on the Lord's Day immediately following.

CONCLUSION.

In this review of the past year we discern many causes for gratitude — much that calls upon the whole Church to go forth doing the work of the Master. The field is the world. The Church is ours for the sake of humanity. To your closets, "Oh! ye people. Lay hold on the promises of God!" Let our prayer be, "Give us the Holy Ghost!" Christ in us the hope of glory, the Christ-life acting out through us. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it!" Then shall "Zion arise and shine, put on her beautiful garments, for the glory of the Lord shall rest upon her."

All which is respectfully submitted.

C. L. WELLS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
First Albany	B. W. Clark	270	18	9	10	3	18	758	9	2	400	400	800	$18,561	$7,500	Albany, N. Y.
Second Albany	J. Elmendorf	145	9	7	12	..	3	259	10	1	30	330	457	3,457	.	" "
Third Albany	E. Van Slyke	118	2	9	2	..	3	205	8	..	200	170	275	156	3,618	" "
Fourth Albany	J F Neef	65	24	2	10	..	2	187	12	..	30	80	125	607	1,686	" "
Holland Albany	W. Houbolt	65	32	10	..	..	..	110	60	..	80	80	60	102	600	" "
Second Berne	W. H. Ballagh	70	1	..	5	..	1	187	6	..	66	32	55	46	711	Knox, Albany County, N. Y.
First Bethlehem	Vacant	152	3	1	2	..	..	288	..	..	...	120	186	404	2,478	Bethlehem Centre.
Second Bethlehem	J. L. Pearse, (s. c)	90	2	..	7	1	1	171	6	..	50	200	150	668	1,825	Adam's Station, Al. Co.
Clarksville	H. Slauson, S. S	40	..	.	..	..	1	51	..	..	40	27	45	.....	... .	Clarksville, Al's County.
Coeymans	E Mead	105	48	9	6	..	4	160	9	26	40	55	157	282	1.686	Coeymans, "
Jerusalem	Vacant	80	7	1	..	..	4	98	3	1	30	20	35	210	1,080	Jerusalem, "
Knox	W. H. Ballagh	29	..	..	1	1	..	49	..	..	...	..	15	143	945	Knox, "
New Baltimore	J. L. Zabriskie	84	8	5	9	..	3	130	2	4	108	108	88	2,415	1,518	New Baltimore, G. Co.
New Salem	Vacant	85	2	..	2	..	2	171	7	..	10	148	75	190	947	New Salem, Al. Co.
Onisquethaw	Vacant	50	..	..	..	..	..	87	..	..	25	...	40	.....	... ..	Clarksville, "
Union	Wm. Demarest	38	..	6	2	..	..	25	1	..	...	..	69	21	1,010	Union Church, "
Westerlo	F. M. Bogardus	50	..	1	1	..	1	70	..	1	...	20	50	125	800	Chesterville, "
	Total	1586	151	60	69	5	38	2901	138	35	1109	1790	2662	$22,842	$25,799	

Ministers without Charge.—S. Van Santvoord, New Baltimore. A. Dickson, Lansingburgh. J. P. Pepper, Brooklyn, N. Y. L. H. Bahler, Coeymans. R. G. Strong, Flatbush, L. I.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes R. A. P.	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes R. A. P.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Arcot, incldg. 5 out stations	John Scudder	78	4	10	8	...	2	68	15	20	62	....	127	797 8 0	17 8 0	Arcot, Madras Presidency In
Arnee, " 4 "	E. C. Scudder	33	2	6	1	...	...	42	5	...	12	....	43	303 7 0	.....	Arnee "
Vellambi	"	18	6	....	...	...	...	37	9	4	2	....	15	9 11 10	.....	" "
Modaiyur	"	5	....	...	...	...	...	10	2	....	1	....	8	6 8 0		" "
Marituvambadi	"	10	..	..	....	...	...	17	6	2	6	....	8	12 8 0		" "
Alliandal	"	16	1	....	..	...	...	29	....	1	6	....	15	117 11 5		" "
Orattur and Four Villages	"	53	21	2		...	...	71	18	1	1	..	46	37 2 4		" "
Chittoor	J. W. Scudder	39	7	2	10	...	4	65	7	....	6	....	80	583 0 1	89 9 6	Chittoor, "
Bommai Samudram	"	5	....	...	....	...	...	....	....	...	....	....	6	2 1 9		
Kottapalli	"	28	....	...	..	...	...	....	....	....	....	...	11	4 3 6		
Timsampalli	"	6	..	....	....	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	9	1 5 9		
Basapalli	"	6														
Ramapuram	"	3														
Yellapalli	"	9														
Coonoor	Zachariah John	45	5	2	3	1	...	60	10	3	5	....	18	61 13 8	75 6 0	Coonoor, "
Kotagiri	"	9	3	0	..	1	...	16	3	...	....	....	7	5 6 8		
Gnanodayam	Andrew Sawyer	17	1	7	11	...	3	51	7	1	2	....	15	50 8 8	.....	Arnee, "
Aranadu	"	8	....	....		...	...	....	....	...		....		12 5 8		
Sattambadi	"	11	3		2	...	...	46	6	3	2	....	13	19 13 3		
Tirudalapundi	"	5	..	..	..	...	.	...	..	....	...	....	10	4 14 5		
Paraiyantangal	"	5	....	..	....	...	...		....	....	..	....	7	3 14 0		

CLASSIS OF ARCOT—*Continued.*

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benev'lent Purposes R. A. P.	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes R. A. P.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Mudnapilly	Jacob Chamberlain (s.c.)	28	..	10	....	3	1	22	3		11	....	13	868 11 6	....	Mudnapilly, Mad.Pres'y, India
Palamanair, Arunodaya	"	18	1	1		1	1	16	..	1	6	..	6	19 0 5		
Vellore	W. W. Scudder	90	10	17	22	1	3	81	9	4	29	....	115	729 2 0	.. ..	Vellore, "
Kattupadi	"	12	2	7	2	...	1	27	8	2	13	....	24	20 8 3		
Kandipatur	"	11	...	2	2	...	1	19	1		17		10	24 15 3		
Shekadu	"	16	....	...	1	...	1	31	3	...	15	....	15	22 15 10		
Vennampalli	"	9	...	..	...	...	...	....	..	...	21	....	8	7 8 0		
Ondrantangal	"	8	..	...	.	...	...	...	...	....	15	...	14	3 10 0		
Karasamangalam	"	7	...	...	...	...	...	....	.	..	27	....	11	5 2 0		
Tondantolasi	"	7	....	...	....	...	...	....	....	..	18	....	6	3 12 0		
	"	6		....	....	...	..	....	....	....	26	....	13	10 0		
	Total	611	66	77	62	7	17	718	112	42	308	...	668	3,138 14 10	182 7 6	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. S. D. Scudder, M.D., in charge of Arcot Dispensary. Rev. Joseph Scudder, D.D., in America. Rev. S. Ettirajooloo, Head Master in Arcot Seminary. *Candidates.*—V. Yesadian. M. I. Israel.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRES
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction		Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
English Neighborhood	A. B. Taylor															English Neighborhood,
First Hackensack	T. B. Romeyn	200	15	8	1		6	241	6	2	275			$1.945 06	$3,750	Hackensack
Schraalenberg	W. R. Gordon (s. c.)	169	2	2	3	1	4	238	10		75		100	750		Schraalenberg,
New Durham	W. V. V. Mabon	89	13	1	2		1	132	21	2	160		300	820	1,800	Weehawken, Union Hill
Hoboken	C. D. Buck	35	7	11	2		1	65			285	140	264	176	1,237 79	Hoboken
Jersey City	J. H. Suydam	188	9	14	9			261	11	2			250	1,540	4,964 79	Jersey City
North Bergen	J. Justin	53	6				3	74	11	1	29	94	200	86	1 157 68	Town of Union
Second Hackensack	C. B. Durand	94	6	8	4	1	2	120	3	2	70		108	920	3,200	Hackensack
Ger. Hoboken	L. Mohn	120	25	4			4	215	140	1	117	250	450	476	1,800	Hoboken
Ger. Hackensack	H. Losch	36	14					80	25				76	13 60	550	Hackensack
Closter City	P. Van Buskirk	60	5	5				77	2	2	75	18	100	98 80	1,200	Closter
Palisaides	J. A Davis	84	1		3			41	3		50		40	76 68	954 70	Fort Lee
Guttenberg	Vacant	50	2	1		1		28					85	10	206	Guttenberg
	Total	1178	105	54	24	3	21	1572	232	12	1136	434	1967	$6,913 52	$21,825 96	

Ministers without Charge.—A. H. Warner, Hackensack, N. J. G. H Fisher (*Emeritus*), Hackensack, N. J. C. Wiley. J. H. Ballagh, Kanagawa, Japan.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRE
Bergen	James L. Amerman	200	4	11	9	...	6	267	19	3	298	298	200	$2,083 67	$6,798 97	Bergen City, N.
First Jersey City	Wm. W. Halloway, Jr.	95	6	6	6	...	4	141	5	1	104	104	164	3,877 45	8,785 38	Jersey City, "
First Bayonne	Theo. W. Wells	70	2	6	...	...	2	111	10	1	75	75	125	182	3,618 72	Bayonne, "
First Van Vorst	Paul D. Van Cleef	145	9	6	15	...	4	246	12	1	175	175	185	965 62	6 295 01	Jersey City, "
Bergen Point	H. W. F. Jones	90	5	...	7	2	2	133	6	...	120	120	160	1,504 50	4,640	Bergen Point, "
Second Hudson City	C. Doeppenschmidt	56	34	...	15	...	6	163	18	...	37	75	225	217 98	695 16	Hudson City, "
Lafayette	W. Rankin Duryee, (s.c.)	95	7	4	3	...	1	125	10	3	60	175	175	1,704	5,393	Jersey City, "
West End	Wm. H. Van Doren	30	1	1	7	...	...	43	5	1	60	70	100	50	964 47	Hudson City, "
Greenville	Alex. H. Young*	30	4	3	1	...	...	34	1	...	...	50	50			
	Total	811	72	37	63	2	25	1263	86	10	929	1142	1384	$10,585 22	$37,190 71	

Minister without Charge.—B. C. Taylor (*Emeritus*) *Missionary Pastor.*—Alexander Shaw, Jersey City, N. J.

* Pastor Elect.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Canastota	John H. Lockwood	60	..	3	.	..	..	60	1	..	70	70	70	$50	$900	Canastota.
Chittenango	J. H. Enders	86	3	2	5	....	2	76	1	2	150	150	150	260	2,300	Chittenango.
Cicero	Vacant	65	22	2	.	..	1	68	..	15	189	189	125	.....	650	Cicero.
Lysander	William A. Wurts	70	..	..	1	...	..	81	..	..	60	60	60	.....	488	Lysander.
Naumburgh	John Boehrer	28	2	1	.	...	..	72	3	..	18	15	30	82 63	255	Naumburgh.
New Bremen	John Boehrer.	30	2	..	.	...	1	57	4		...	...	...	5 70	195	Naumburgh.
Owasco	Vacant	140	10	3	4		5	184	1	5	140	140	100	450 15	1,498	Owasco.
Owasco Outlet	Vacant	48	2	2	2	...	2	69	4	2	30	30	30	20 81	1,246 26	Owasco Lake.
Syracuse	Mar'n L. Berger (s. c.)	140	12	6	9	....	4	219	15	2	205	205	183	2,614 49	8,898 78	Syracuse.
Thousand Isles	George Rockwell,*	75	..	..	.	...	2	28	..	..	20	20	60	50	360	Alexandria Bay.
Utica	Isaac S. Hartley	106	13	13	5	....	3	185	5	4	201	201	168	1,550 14	14,860 83	Utica.
West Leyden	F. E. Schlieder	39	2	..	.	....	2	68	6	..	8	8	34	42	314 51	West Leyden.
	Total	887	68	32	26	...	22	1157	40	30	1084	1086	1005	$5,075 92	$32,061 33	

Ministers without charge.—Revs. S R. Brown and G. V. Verbeck. Nagasaki, Japan.

*Missionary.

CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Detroit	Vacant	20	2	2	3	...	1	43	...	...	...	...	...	$41	$98	Chr. Pelgrem, Detroit, Mich.
Fremont Centre	M. Kienkintveld	*17	2	4	...	...	1	27	5	...	19	...	...	19	350	Grand Rapids, Mich.
First Grand Haven	J. B. de Beer	200	9	6	33	1	5	210	72	1	200	...	300	936	3,256	Grand Haven, "
Second Grand Haven	Vacant	37	5	37	...	...	...	42	2	...	55	...	68	178	186	Grand Haven, "
Grand Rapids	C. Van der Meulen	325	19	41	2	3	8	358	80	...	150	...	325	1,518	5,441	Grand Rapids, "
Grandville	W. P. de Jonge	60	5	5	1	...	1	59	4	...	60	...	..	150	360	Grandville, "
Kalamazoo	A. Kriekard, (s. c.)	145	14	10	5	...	6	290	45	...	165	...	180	876	4,400	Kalamazoo, "
Muskegon	J. Van der Meulen	170	25	6	7	...	3	148	43	...	90	...	100	540	1,638	Muskegon, "
Polkton	Vacant	50	5	...	12	2	...	74	9	...	52	...	....	310	380	Eastmanville, "
Spring Lake	J. de Pree	60	14	5	1	...	...	67	14	...	66	...	70	286	800	Spring Lake, "
	Total	1064	100	116	64	6	25	1313	279	1	957	...	1043	$4,834	$16,999	

*Last Year's Report.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Ithaca	Vacant†	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Ithaca, N. Y.
Geneva	Wm. W. Brush	94	1	6	8	...	1	166	4	...	64	90	73	$978 39	$2,595 68	Geneva.
Farmer Village	James C. Forsyth	110	2	5	...	...	4	163	2	1	87	87	75	211 78	2,923 11	Farmer Village.
Lodi	H. P. McAdam	130	12	6	6	...	8	164	3	4	200	200	150	252	7,780	Lodi.
Arcadia	Vacant†	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	East Newark.
Fair Haven	James L. Southard	45	5	4	...	...	4	81	4	4	...	45	60	59 70	861 81	Fair Haven.
Buffalo	Vacant	17	...	...	6	...	6	81	3	...	...	...	25	...	400	Buffalo.
Rochester	P. B. Bahler	159	7	6	4	...	4	235	22	...	40	60	100	1,018 47	2,416 60	Rochester.
Clymer	G. J. Renskers	67	6	1	3	...	4	170	10	...	75	55	50	203 40	898	Clymer.
Clymer Village	A. Westveer	36	2	2	1	...	...	44	5	...	16	36	36	50 25	2,222 75	Clymer.
Mina Corners	Jacob Weber*	20	2	...	...	...	...	40	6	...	19	28	42	82	300	Mina.
Cato	F. F. Wilson*	62	...	...	2	...	1	70	...	...	...	50	35	10	350	Cato.
Pultneyville	P. G. M. Bahler	85	9	25	...	...	2	119	24	...	95	...	90	310 50	478 07	Pultneyville.
East Williamson	A. B. Veenhuisen	83	...	12	9	...	2	166	15	...	...	...	80	140	600	East Williamson.
Tyre	W. D. Buckelew	40	2	4	8	...	...	67	...	...	25	30	45	118 20	900	Magee's Corners.
Caroline	Vacant†															
Cleveland	Vacant	60	...	...	12	...	...	127	3	...	...	...	44	133 47	798 40	Cleveland, Ohio.
Dunkirk	Vacant	9	...	...	...	...	...	19	1	...	...	...	17	16	63 47	Dunkirk, N. Y.
Marion	J. W. Warnshuis	124	60	127	1	...	...	244	100	1	30	15	80	174 41	929 55	Marion.
	Total	1141	118	200	55	...	36	1916	198	10	887	691	1002	$3,768 54	$22,567 44	

Ministers without Charge.—J. Whitbeck, (a. c.) Ithaca, N. Y. A. M. Mann. D.D., Farmer Village, N. Y. R. W. Knight, Emeritus, Pultneyville, Wayne County, N. Y. *Candidate.*—Henry J. Grant, Jr., Ithaca, N. Y. *Pastor elect. †No reports.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	Adults	C. & R. C. Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
First Athens	Alan D. Campbell	85	4	3	...	...	2	102	2	3	.	....	90	$885 96	$1,489 53	Athens, N. Y.
Second Athens	I. S. Demund, S. S.	20	2	...	.	...	3	22	...	...	.....	....	.	25 50	94 02	Coxsackie, "
Catskill	F. A. Horton, (s.c.)	175	9	6	8	...	5	342	1	4	...	200	.	408 21	4,691 56	Catskill, "
First Coxsackie	M. G. Hansen	125	7	7	6	...	6	150	2	6	50	40	60	170 84	1,485 18	Coxsackie, "
Second Coxsackie	A. F. Munn	95	48	8	6	...	3	202	...	20	70	70	90	1,045 46	3,720 [illegible]	Coxsackie, "
Kiskatom	Wm. G. E. See	90	5	1	2	. .	.	167	3	2	.....		70	107	2,000	Catskill, "
Leeds	Benj. Van Zandt	90	6	2	...	...	4	117	3	2		30	100	114	1,485	Leeds "
Moresville and Gilboa	J. K. Rhinehart, S.S.	...	1	...	.	.	...	..	...	...	.....		....	33 74	200	Moresville, "
Prattsville	Wm. H. Carr	64	5	1	7	...	...	79	6	2	.	14	50	59	1,065	Prattsville, "
Roxbury	J. K. Rhinehart	65	5	2	1	.	...	86	6	2	25	40	70	188 82	886 52	Roxbury, "
	Total	809	92	30	30	...	24	1267	23	41	145	394	580	$2,488 58	$17,017 32	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. M. Lusk, Coxsackie. Rev. Wm. Johns, Spartansburg, Penn.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Beaver Dam	J. Broek	88	2	5			1	44	4		57			$179 04	$118	Beaver Dam, Zeeland P.O., Mich.
Drenthe	W. Moerdyk	47	6	3	6		2	95	6		87					Vriesland, P. O., " " "
Ebenezer	N. C. Kuyper															Holland,
Fynaart	Vacant	24	4	5				33	5		26			52 25	44 33	Graafschap,
Graafschap	E. C. Oggel, (s. c.)	48	12		4		5	92	11		72		70	110	475	Holland,
First Holland	R. Pieters	118	5	8	13		8	234	20		175		180	1,917 06	1,881 14	"
Third Holland	H. Uiterwyk	102	2	3	1	1	4	184	18	1	80		150	600	800	"
Jamestown	Vacant	35	4	2				47	5					60 16	40 94	Vriesland P. O.,
Mattoax, Va	J. Huizenga															Mattoax, Amelia Co., Va.
North Holland	B. Van Ees	96	3	2	1			81	30		143			230	1,246	Holland, Mich.
Overyssel	G. J. Nykerk	153	10	10	6		2	336	35		202		180	429 13	1,458 90	Overyssel, "
Rabbitt River	G. Dangermond	40						19							127 88	Holland, "
Rotterdam, Kan	Vacant	38						38								Rotterdam, Kansas.
Saugatuck	D. Broek	45	2	4	9	1		56	11		40		45	185 40	654 60	Saugatuck, Mich.
Vriesland	Vacant	85	5	10	8		2	131	15		150		100		1,039 47	Vriesland, "
Zeeland	Vacant	162	26	20	18	1	4	340	49		224			1,122 57	1,250	Zeeland, "
	Total	1081	81	72	66	3	28	1730	209	1	1256		725	$4,885 61	$8,626 26	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, D.D., President of the Council of Hope College. Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr., D.D., Principal of Hope College. Rev. T. Romeyn Beck, Professor in Hope College, Holland, Mich.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Hudson	John McC Holmes	200	11	11	5	...	5	400	10	4	225	225	350	$6,545 23	$5,732 44	Hudson, N. Y.
First Claverack	Vacant	104	6	1	9	.	6	160	1	2	150	125	175	1,470	2,900	
Second Claverack	A. J. Sebring	200	2	1	8	...	2	129	2	2	100	60	200	1,648 18	2,570 42	Mellenville, "
Linlithgow	T. S. Dusinberre	*100	12	2	1	...	7	227	9	2	50	...	50	702 18	1,671	Livingston, "
Greenport	John S. Himrod	95	10	2	2	...	..	132	8	7	....	40	80	300 10	1,400	Hudson, "
Germantown	G. D. W. Bodine	88	19	2	.	...	2	150	7	4		50	65	342 49	1,775	Germantown, "
Upper Red Hook	Henry V. S. Myers	70	7	1	4	...	1	102	5	3	80	80	60	150 51	11,834 57	Upper Red Hook, "
Greenbush	De Witt B. Wyckoff	70	4	7	1	..	2	100	1	2	15	30	60	306 96	2,447 50	Mt. Rose, "
Taghkanic	John B. Church	76	8	1	1	...	2	133	...	3	40	16	109	146 28	1,523 88	West Copake, "
Livingston, Linlithgo	H. R. Schermerhorn S. S.	54	9	2	...	...	...	28	1	2	....	....	....	11	700	Linlithgo, Col. Co., "
	Total	107	88	30	31	...	27	1611	44	31	660	626	1149	$11,617 78	$32,554 81	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Edwin Holmes (s. c.), Hudson. Rev. H. R. Schermerhorn. Rev. A. Mattice. Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck, Hudson.

Revised List.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Fairview	J. S. Joralmon, (s. c.)	115	1	4	8	..	4	196	9	..	90	80	180	$656 10	$1,328 39	Fairview, Fulton Co., Ill.
Pekin	A. Thompson, S S	48	..	..	8	..	2	82	7	..	..	12	80	11 20	350 36	Pekin, Tazewell Co., Ill.
Spring Lake	A. V. Gulick	28	2	2	3	..	..	88	3	1	50	50	36	126 50	571 25	Manito, " " "
Raritan	S. A. Bumstead	46	2	1	1	.	3	154	..	..	25	30	130	300	650	Raritan, Henderson Co., Ill.
Bushnell	James Wyckoff	80	14	15	7	.	2	115	5	4	...	190	180	95	1,600	Bushnell, McDonough Co., Ill.
Davenport	G. H. Peeke	80	3	..	2	..	..	88	2	2	...	100	90	175 62	5,418 40	Davenport, Iowa.
First Pella	E. Winter	199	56	2	49	1	2	285	55	..	198	80	170	1,454 71	6,773 68	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Havana	H. E. Decker, S. S	24	..	1	4	..	..	15		..	...	...	80	87	474 82	Havana, Mason Co., Ill.
Second Pella	Vacant	35	1	.	..	..	..	45	12	..	30	25	255	350	963	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Bethel	P. De Pree	38	4	1	9	2	..	35	8	..	25	20	95	162 76	528 11	Pella, " " "
Leyden Center	H. H. Johnson, S. S	45	1	4	..	1	1	35	..	..	...	30	80	211	548 50	Jefferson, Cook Co., Ill.
Third Pella	K. B. Weiland	163	57	11	6	..	5	132	56	2	222	..	100	408	2,000	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Fourth Pella	H. Van der Kley	50	36	1	3	..	1	94	30	4	32	50		564 62	1,329 12	Pella, " " "
Am. Ref. Chicago	....	45	3	5	4	..	1	89	4	1	50	100	70	742 18	3,701 20	Chicago, Ill.
Otley	A G. Lansing, S S	10	3	1	..	..	..	28	3	..	...	119	65	...	4 50	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Orange City	S. Bolks	20	3	35	..	..	..	38	3	..	...	...	70	...	..	Orange City, Sioux Co., Iowa.
Norris	N D. Williamson, S. S.	30	8	8	..	..	..	16	..	4	8	58	82	155 27	274 70	Norris, Fulton Co., Ill.
Norwood Park	U. D. Gulick	18	5	13	2	..	..	16	..	..	10	20	29	13 81	990 45	Norwood Park, Cook Co., Ill.
Somerset	Joseph Mayou	14	..	21	1	..	..	20	1	..	...	40	40	20 46	.....	Somerset, Miami Co., Kan.
	Total	88	199	125	107	4	21	1516	198	18	740	1004	1882	$5,479 23	$27,506 16	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A. D. Wilson, Fairview, Fulton Co., Ill. Rev. J. F. Morris, Bushnell, McDonough Co., Ill. Rev. C. D. Elting, Raritan, Henderson Co., Ill. Rev. E. P. Livingston, Superintendent Western Missions, Hudson, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Bloomingdale*	Vacant†	56	...	...	...	...	...	91	...	...			80	...	...	Creek Locks, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove	N. H. Van Arsdale	150	20	1	5	.	1	148	8	6	75	100	150	$870 96	$2,000 57	High Falls, "
Dashville Falls	Paul T. Deyo	120	2	2	4	...	.	133	6	1		35	165	40 43	845 90	Rifton Glen, "
Guilford*	Vacant	88	.	...	..	..	...	69	...	...		.	140	.....	.	Tuthill, "
Hurley	J. F. Harris	65	1	1	1	...	2	122	8	.	50	40	65	2'8 89	1,782 45	Hurley, "
N. Church, Marbletown	"	70	.	.	.	..	3	110	4	.	40	35	60	128 15	658 01	" "
Second Church, Kingston	Chas. H. Stitt	150	14	14	12	...	2	358	12	7	50	200	220	1,350 89	4,000	Kingston, "
Marbletown	Vacant	170	8	2	7	...	4	257	18	4	.	115	150	340 32	1,898 58	Stone Ridge, "
New Paltz	Philip Peltz (s. c.)	261	15	8	6	...	5	428	14	8	195	161	258	1,439 97	1,769 98	New Paltz, "
Rochester	S. P. M. Hastings	150	4	3	1	...	6	150	8	..	75	75	150	452 35	1,645 89	Accord, "
Rosendale	M. F. Liebenau	60	3	1	..	..	1	84	...	...	..	....	100	92 09	1,521 47	Rosendale, "
Sampsonville	Vacant	45	...	...	1	...	.	58	...	...	30	11	50	20 25	142	Sampsonville, "
St. Remy	Vacant†	30	...	2	.	..	2	43	..	.	27	18	45	49 35	$16,168 80	Fly Mountain, "
	Total	1410	67	34	37	...	26	2046	78	26	542	790	1688	$4,523 15	428 65	

Minister without Charge.—James R. Lent, Emeritus, Blooming Grove, Orange Co., N. Y.

* Report of last year. † Supplied by Rev. C. Van Santvoord.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Jamaica	J. G. Van Slyke	124	21	6	6	..	1	245	7	3		100	120	$473 59	$10,310 62	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	C. I Shepard	120	29	4	4	..	4	201	11	18	160	225	175	4,020 75	3,060	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	M. Swick	*100	18	3	21	...	5	*112	2	11		111	91	269 70	2,738 89	East Norwich, "
North Hempstead	Wm. E Davis	90	15	2	3	..	2	110	3	9			60	81	1,500	Manhasset, "
Williamsburgh	E. S. Porter	325	8	8	6	...	3	428	9	3		300	435	517 80	20,118 97	Brooklyn, E.D., "
Astoria	W. H Ten Eyck (s. c.)	61	8	1	1	...	2	106	7	2	55	37	65	1,673 36	5,344 95	Astoria, "
Flushing	E. S. Fairchild	91	14	4	...	...	1	206	8	5	125	125	100	460 79	3,227 92	Flushing, "
Greenpoint	Alex. McKelvey	220	10	7	14	...	7	354	14	1	520	315	300	880 43	7,500	Brooklyn, E. D., "
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	95	2	7	5	...	...	154	11	...	230	300	180	280	3,700	" "
Lee Avenue	Vacant															" "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	65	17	2	...	.	...	139	34	..	20	50	80	27	1,000	Astoria, "
East Williamsburgh†	Vacant	30	1	...	1	...	.	20	2	...	46	72	121	411	447	Maspeth, "
Second Newtown	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	30	5	...	...	...	1	45	4	...		12	20	...	175	Astoria, "
Queens	Thomas Nichols	70	4	7	1	...	2	95	2	..			...	200	1,700	Queens, "
Ger. Evan. Brooklyn	John M. Wagner	220	37	6	11	...	9	413	150	...	210	360	450	358	3,231 85	Brooklyn, E. D., "
Sayville	Vacant	34	...	3	1	...	2	35	3	.	..		30	11 75	89 27	Sayville, "
Locust Valley‡	Vacant	35	2	...	...	..	...	18	1	2	...	50	50	63 50	1,200	Glen Cove, "
First Refd. of Col. Point‡	Vacant	22	19	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	College Point, "
	Total	1732	210	60	74	...	39	2681	268	54	1366	2057	2297	$9,728 67	$65,339 47	

Ministers without Charge.—E. R. Atwater, 129 Clymer street, Brooklyn, E. D., L. I. A. C. Hillman, 214 Ross street, Williamsburgh, L. I. P. S. Williamson, San Francisco, Cal. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y. Lewis G. Bingham, New Brunswick, N. J. W. W. Hicks, Charleston, S. C. J. B. Alliger, Jamaica, L. I. Ira C. Boice, Paterson, N. J. L. G. Jongeneel, Hohokus, N. J. *Candidate.*—Wm. Ferris, 34 Vesey street, N. Y.

* Revised List. † Supplied by Licentiate Wm. Ferris. ‡ Newly organized.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & R. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & R. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Brooklyn	Joseph Kimball	204	13	14	24	...	8	399	10	2	200	....	855	$14,790 07	.. ....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	140	11	2	8	.	4	248	10	...	160	160	197	†11,590 42	$8,000	Flatbush "
Flatbush Mission	R. G Strong, S.S.	61	6	.	.	..	2	25	6	3	.	24	55	70	.... ..	" "
New Utrecht	D. S. Sutphen, (s. c.)	95	3	4	2	...	2	204	8	1	100	120	170	1,808 77	2,850	New Utrecht, "
Gravesend	Austin P. Stockwell	117	4	1	3	.	4	144	2	...	148	...	125	.....	.. ..	Gravesend, "
Flatlands	Anson DuBois	80	6	4	2	...	1	172	9	.	...	40	141	868 29	5,951 69	Flatlands, "
New Lotts	John M. Van Buren	70	7	7	7	...	1	129	8	...	40	40	50	680	.. .	East New York, "
East New York	C. R. Blauvelt	65	4	6	8	...	1	114	3	...	88	100	180	790 20	2 770 14	" "
South Brooklyn	John H. Manning	42	...	2	...	...	1	67	4	...	50	60	75	578 08	2,099 34	Brooklyn, "
Middle Brooklyn	Edward P. Ingersoll	236	29	41	18	...	6	658	30	8	290	316	408	1,782 55	11,545 30	" "
Twelfth Street	N. P. Pierce	120	12	11	8	...	3	241	13	4		28	325	570 14	6,908 84	" "
Church on the Heights	Vacant*	215	14	14	8	...	3	524	8	2	117	567	480	20,335 43	9,634 46	" "
New Brooklyn	Charles F. C. Suckow	76	34	2	...	...	2	181	58	.	82	70	92	54	1,215 58	New Brooklyn, "
East Brooklyn	J. Halsted Carroll	194	32	118		...	2	212	9	8		35	152	202 57	3,376 60	Brooklyn, "
	Total	1695	175	226	78	...	40	3313	178	28	1220	1560	2750	$54,012 47	$49,351 90	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. M. Ferris, D.D., Sec. of Board of Foreign Missions, 34 Vesey street, New York. Rev. Jacob West, D.D., Sec. of Board of Domestic Missions, 34 Vesey street, New York. Rev. Julius Hones, Brooklyn, New York. Rev. Daniel Rapalye, Missionary to China. Rev. John V. Griswold, Missionary Pastor of Bethany Chapel, 184 Montague street, Brooklyn. Rev. Alfred E. Myers.

* Report of last year. † Includes Centennial contributions paid in up to April 1, and not unpaid subscriptions, which will be counted on the next year.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Battle Creek	W. W Halloway	*55	2	...	2	...	1	64	7	1	30	170	120	$55 30	$985	Battle Creek, Mich.
Centerville	A. H. Van Vranken	95	2	2	6	...	2	145	2	2	...	110	140	1.400	1,968 65	Centerville, "
Constantine	J. W. Beardslee, (s. c.)	70	5	4	8	...	1	128	4	2	...	...	180	865 30	1,518	Constantine, "
Grand Rapids		37	3	2	...	...	2	42	1	...	...	...	65	...	...	Grand Rapids, "
Hope	A. T. Stewart	35	2	...	5	...	1	72	2	...	...	60	99	...	...	Holland, "
Macon		25	...	...	...	...	...	47	...	...	...	30	60	70	316	Macon, "
Porter				...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Constantine, "
South Bend	W. J. Skillman	25	2	3	1	...	...	25	1	3	...	...	90	57	326 55	South Bend, Ind.
South Macon		32		...	2	1	...	30	1	3	25	40	25	197	137	Tecumseh, Mich.
	Total	374	16	11	24	1	7	558	18	11	55	410	779	$2,644 60	$5,251 20	

Ministers without Charge.—J. G. Tarbell, Emeritus, Alamo, Mich. C. Van der Veen, Holland. P. Moerdyk, Holland.

*Report of last year.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
First Freehold	George Swain	95	3	2	2	..	7	171	2	2	90	80	140	$445 36	$1,726 60	Marlboro, N. J.
Second Freehold	C. S. Hageman	150	11	5	7	..	11	243	3	9	100	80	100	815 66	2,361 84	Freehold, "
Holmdel	William Reiley	95	15	2	5	..	..	148	5	6	100	20	100	670 19	1,200	Holmdel, "
Spotswood	Ralph Willis	50	...	..	..	..	...	90	...	....	30	15	30	.....	.....	Spottswood. "
Middletown	George Seibert	54	2	1	...	..	..	70	4	1	30	60	50	188 91	921	Middletown, "
Keyport	A. A. Zabriskie	60	2	5	.	..	5	60	1	....	10	20	30	200	1,200	Keyport, "
Long Branch	James B. Wilson	70	9	3	..	..	2	131	4	2	20	45	85	178 08	3,087 73	Long Branch, "
Colt's Neck	James Bolton, (s. c.)	75	102	14	...	...	3	245	11	78	20	70	80	205	1,255	Colt's Neck, "
	Total	649	144	32	14	...	28	1158	30	98	400	390	615	$2,208 20	$ 1,752 17	

Ministers without Charge.—G. C. Schenck, Marlboro, N. J. Samuel Lockwood, Freehold, N. J.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.—P. S. A.

Churches	Pastors	Census Number of Families	Communicants: Rec'd On Confession	Communicants: Rec'd On Certificate	Communicants: Dismissed	Communicants: Suspended	Communicants: Died	Communicants: Total now in Communion	Bap.: Infants	Bap.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	Contributions: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Contributions: Congregational Purposes	Post Office Address
Auriesville	Vacant	50	5	1	...	1	...	25	2	...	...	...	65	...	$285	Auriesville, N. Y.
Canajoharie	R. R. Williams	128	4	1	1	...	3	154	1	3	...	...	210	$298 45	2,331 50	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Columbia	J. M. Compton	62	4	...	...	...	1	30	7	3	13	...	15	9	583	Jordanville, "
Currytown	D. K. Van Doren	30	1	...	1	...	2	75	3	...	...	...	40	200	400	Root, Montgomery Co.
Ephratah	W. B. Van Benschoten*															Ephratah, Ful. Co.
Florida	G. Lane	105	13	...	4	...	1	150	4	10	...	...	120	110	900	Minaville, N. Y.
Fonda ‡	T. W. Jones	140	93	5	2	...	4	217	7	40	...	...	100	600	2,650	Fonda, N. Y.
Fort Plain	Alex. B. Riggs	100	8	10	2	...	3	81	1	2	...	10	114	145 57	2,452 65	Fort Plain, N. Y.
Fort Herkimer	Vacant															
Fultonville	F. M. Kipp, Jr	96	31	4	3	1	2	95	5	15	...	...	100	224 97	1,827 64	Fultonville, N. Y.
Glen	F. V. Van Vranken	160		...	...	2	...	95		...		4	100	312 36	2,478 40	Glen, N. Y.
Hagaman's Mills	A. J. Hagaman, (s. c.)	70	3		1	...	...	74	3	...	25	30	50	445 76	2,097 46	Hagaman's Mills.
Henderson	J. M. Compton	25	7	...	3	...	2	34		2	7	...	28	11	628	Jordanville, N. Y.
Herkimer	G. D. Consaul	175	7	...	1	...	1	120	3	...	80	130	110	145	2,700	Herkimer, N. Y.
Indian Castle	R. M. Stanbrough	18			2	...	...	11	...	...		...		32 50	208	Ingham's Mills.
Manheim	R. M. Stanbrough	†40	...	2	...	...	3	87	9	...	...	...	30	101 04	1,039 50	Ingham's Mills.
Mapletown**	Vacant	60		...	...	...	...	51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Mohawk**	Vacant	75	...	...	...	...	...	45		...	...	...	...	...	...	Mohawk, N. Y.
Port Jackson	H. Pettengill, S. S.	74	19	4	...	...	6	110	11	6	70	42	122	148	1,141 97	Port Jackson, N. Y.
St. Johnsville	J. Kalsekern	95	3	1	...	...	1	117	3	...	...	20	100	495 96	656	St. Johnsville.
Stone Arabia**	W. B. Van Benschoten*	47	...	...	...	...	...	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Stone Arabia.
Spraker's Basin	D. K. Van Doren	58	16	...	...	...	...	38	1	7	...	...	70	...	475	Spraker's Basin.
Tillaborough	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total	1853	214	28	20	4	29	1650	60	88	195	272	1369	$3,274 61	$22,996 12	

Minister without Charge.—Rev. Elbert Slingerland, Emeritus, Hagaman's Mills, N. Y.

** Last year's report. * Pastor elect. † Corrected report. ‡ Changed from Caughnawaga.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Belleville	J. Paschal Strong	116	1	6	5	...	3	152	5		153	158	97	$924 34	$3,093 69	Belleville, N. J.
First Newark	Edward P. Terhune	312	7	3	8	...	2	422	8	4	225	175	400	8,302 82	8,279 74	Newark, "
Irvington	Henry Veshlage, Jr.	110	2	7	2	...	3	156	3	3	85	95	95	810	3,000	Irvington, "
Second Newark	Cornelius Brett	107	12	5	1	...	3	184	6	2	150	200	200	2,744 25	4,068 28	Newark, "
Franklin	A. M. Quick	90	23	1	3	.	4	110	3	6	185	135	100	115	1,718	Franklin, "
North Newark	Charles E. Hart	217	9	10	15	...	4	343	9	2	300	350	500	5,737 64	14,755 47	Newark, "
West Newark	John Wenisch	42	21		4	...	2	96	50		50	50	130	81 82	338 08	Newark, "
Clinton Avenue, Newark	William J. R. Taylor	125	10	21	4	...	2	188	8	6	187	200	229	749 51	40,140 92	Newark, "
East Newark	Isaac P. Brokaw (s. c.)	48	7	3	1	..	1	59	9	1	62	211	211	174 51	2,014 91	Newark, "
Linden	Oscar Gesner	40	10	17	...	...	...	27	7	1	.....	15	65	75	.....	Linden, "
	Total	1207	102	73	43	...	24	1738	108	25	1347	1584	2027	$19,164 92	$77,429 09	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. James M. Bruen, Irvington, N. J. Rev. Gustavus Abeel, Newark, N. J Rev. M. B. Riddle, Hartford, Conn. Rev. B. V. Collins, Passaic, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
First New Brunswick	Richard H. Steele, (s.c)	200	14	13	12	...	10	460	8	4	120	200	240	$2,851	$20,014	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Jacob C. Sears	136	1	..	3	...	1	221	4	...	35	35	240	1,526	1,400	Six Mile Run, "
Hillsborough	Edward T. Corwin	150	7	4	4	..	3	235	7	...	...	100	200	913	1,200	Millstone, "
Middlebush	Stephen L. Mershon	108	14	9	8	..	4	192	8	5	90	100	140	1,029	2,904	Middlebush, "
Griggstown	Stephen Searle.	56	.	1	3	...	1	107	1	...	35	60	105	414	1,200	Griggstown, "
Second New Brunswick	Chester D. Hartranft	160	12	13	10	..	3	319	4	.	130	190	240	3,806	7,622	New Brunswick, "
Bound Brook	Jacob C. Dutcher	85	1	.	2	...	1	149	...	1	45	75	100	343	2,817	Bound Brook, "
Third New Brunswick	Charles Meyer, S.S.	16	...		...	..	1	32	3	...	...	20	50	70	580	New Brunswick, "
East Millstone	Alexander McWilliam	85	7	10	8	.	1	153	2	1	60	60	65	250	1,210	East Millstone, "
Metuchen	Edward Lord	68	2	6	8	...	...	125	3	2	50	31	75	72	1,517	Metuchen. "
	Total	1064	58	56	58	...	25	2043	40	13	565	871	1445	$11,274	$40,434	

Ministers without Charge.—Peter J. Quick, (Rector Theological Hall). William H. Campbell (President Rutgers College). Professors Jacob T. Cooper, T. Sandford Dolittle, all of New Brunswick, N. J. William H. Steele, Newark, N. J. J. H. Van Doren, Amoy, China. H. W. Brandt, South Africa. John L. See, 34 Vesey street, N. Y. B. F. Romaine, Columbus, Ohio. N. J. M. Bogert, Metuchen.

Candidates.—H. E. Lott, Professor De Witt T. Riley, H. C. Berg, all of New Brunswick.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—P. S. N. Y.

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Collegiate, New York	Thomas DeWitt															55 East 9th Street, N. Y.
	Thomas E. Vermilye															15 West 56th Street, "
	Tal. W. Chambers, (*s. c.*)															70 West 36th Street, "
	James M. Ludlow															116 West 48th Street, "
	William Ormiston	600	61	81	44		26	1573	32	4			1899	$33,168		153 East 27th Street, "
Thirty-Fourth Street	Isaac Riley	300	19	15	25		7	562	15	4			250	2,140	$7,450	344 West 32d Street, "
St. Paul's	Alex. R. Thompson.															320 West 30th Street "
Madison Avenue	H. D. Ganse		4	6					8					905 13	21,000	
German Evan. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	185	45	6	13		8	525	33		75	300	500	2,382	2,506 74	82 Second Street, "
Bloomingdale	Enoch Van Aiken	100	10				3	75	5	1	100		100			316 West 52d Street, "
Harlem	G. Henry Mandeville	185	14	11	15		6	258	12	3	200	225	300	2,381 87		5 Hudson Place, Harlem,
Mott Haven	Hasbrouck Dubois	140	10	4	5			175	12	4	150	150	250	450	3,200	Mott Haven,
Staten Island	James Brownlee	160	21	10	4		7	339	18	4	35		400	1,641 50	3,991	Port Richmond, S. I.
Richmond, S. I.	J. H. Sinclair	25	1	1	4			51	2				50		334 87	Richmond, "
Huguenots, S. I.	F. M. Kip, Past Elect.															South Side, "
Fourth German	John H. Oerter	95	15		1			200	20		17	35	104	129 84	1,015 13	252 West 40th Street, N. Y.
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	74	1	3	8		2	146	17		200	200	210	1,771 10	2,818 20	231 East 86th Street, "
Holland	A. H. Bechtold	100	4	10	2			85	7			12		141 62	782	232 Eighth Avenue, "
South New York	E. P. Rogers	185	11	9	6		3	477	11	3			700	26,513 16	15,000	42 West 27th Street, "
South New Haven, Ct	H. Branch	158	5		3	1	2	166	3	2	32	196	166	471 24	2,326 77	New Haven, Connecticut,
Brookfield, Ct.	Ransford Wells		3	3	4			37				20	48	106	750	Brookfield, "
	Total	2344	224	159	134	1	64	4669	190	25	809	1188	4977	$72,201 46	$61,674 71	

Ministers without Charge—Isaac Ferris, D.D., LL.D., Roselle, N. J. Charles Whitehead, Chaplain, Roosevelt Hospital. John Forsyth, D.D., Chaplain, West Point. N. J. Marselus, D.D., 292 South 5th street, Williamsburg, L. I. C. M. Jameson, Somerville, N. J. E. S. Cleghorn, Bible House, N. Y.

Missionary Pastors—J. H. Bertholf, 1[illegible]0 West 29th street. W. H. De Hart, Knox Memo. Chapel, Ninth avenue, near Thirty-eighth street. Leonard W. Kipp, Missionary to China. A. E. Van Nest, Missionary to Florence. Charles H. H. Wolff, Missionary to Japan. William L. Johnson, Mobanesville, N. C.

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Brighton Heights	Vacant	74	2	...	...	...	1	207	1	...	200	30	160	$185 16	$4.022 32	Tompkinsville, S. I.
Washington Square	M. S. Hutton	99	18	...	19	...	3	215	9	5	108	15	108	4,675	*9.400	New York City.
Manhattan	L. P. Cummings	45	11	5	2	...	...	68	5	...	175	20	175	210	1,800	New York City.
Bushwick	S H. Meeker, (s. c.)	60	5	4	4	...	1	210	55	1	50	20	170	471	2,056	Williamsburgh, L. I.
Union Ref Ch 6th Ave	Julius L. Danner		43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	New York City.
German Ref. P Church	H. A. Freidel	210	22	2	4	...	6	380	97	.	90	75	500	856	8,875	New York City.
North Brooklyn Ref. Ch.	W. T. Enyard	300	32	10	15	...	8	482	6	7	350	380	500	2,192 30	7,042	Clermont Avenue, Brooklyn.
	Total	788	85	21	44	...	19	1562	173	18	973	540	1618	$8541 46	$33,195 32	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. R. Steele, Salem, N. Y. Rev. J. M. Macauley. Rev. H. R. Timlow, Boston, Mass. Rev. Ebenezer Wiggins. Rev. A. Mattice.

Candidates.—Isaac W. Warner, Williamsburgh, L. I.

*Centennial Fund to date, $6,757, included.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Berea	J. B. Ten Eyck	57	2	3			3	60	8					$25	$864 33	Walden, Orange County N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	Vacant	100	8		5		3	135	7	2				158 33	1,676 39	Bloomingburgh, "
Callicoon	Wm. Elterich, P. E.	100	14		4		3	164	28		20	40	90	72	589 55	Callicoon, "
Claryville†	Vacant	25						19			2		100			Claryville, "
Cuddebackville	W. E. Bogardus	54	5		3	1		44		4	67	68	44	56 50	774	Cuddebackville, "
Deerpark	S. J. Rogers	155	7	9	6		7	218	3	3	50	200	206	2,182 02	3,700	Port Jervis, "
Ellenville	E. W. Bentley	100	16		6		2	254	7	7	20	25	225	578 17	2,325 61	Ellenville, "
Fallsburgh	W. S. Brown	94	14	4			2	112	6	7	10	39	60	328 50	1,055	Woodbourne, "
Fremont	Wm. Elterich, P. E.	54	19	5			1	110	22		9	12	35	12	180	Fremont Centre, "
Grahamville	Vacant	50	7		1		2	110		6		40	83			Grahamville, "
Jeffersonville	Wm. Elterich, P. E.	45	74				1	73	12		13	5	40	19	361	Jeffersonville, "
Kerhonkson	John DuBois	70	2	1			2	111	12				60	45	496	Kerhonkson, "
Mamakating	E. G. Ackerman	70	8		1		2	68							2,400	Wurtsboro, "
Minnisink*	Wm. E. Turner, P. E.															Montague, N. J.
Montgomery	A. B. Van Zandt	175	6	8	4		8	317	5		100	140		1,185	7,361 80	Montgomery, N. Y.
Newburgh	W. H. Gleason	225	43	15	28		7	373	22	20	50	165	215	955 28	15,129 88	Newburgh, "
New Hurley†	R. H. Beattie	110	8	1	3		4	185	13	2	90	75	150	262 31	1,180	New Hurley, "
New Prospect	Vacant	80	7		2		5	131	2	2			94		691 96	Ulsterville, "
North Branch	Wm. Elterich, P. E.	40	56	4				60	10	4	5	9	40	6	81 25	North Branch, "
Shawangunk	C. Spaulding	160	13	3	4		3	260	4	1	75	90	180	604 98	1,100	Bruynswick, "
Walden	M. Y. Schoonmaker	100	9	3	1		4	190	6	2	100	80	100	338	1,500	Walden, "
Wallkill Valley	B. C. Lippincott	75	3	16			3	43	1	2			45	37 80	1,089 23	Shawangunk "
Walpack, Upper	G. S. Garretson	65	3	4	2		2	83	1	1	20	125	112	61	824	Dingman's Bridge, Pa.
Walpack, Lower	J. F. Shaw	100	5	4	4			164	6		50	100	140	160 25	4,974	Bushkill, "
Wawarsing	J. R. Talmage	120	2	2	1		3	185	3		80	80	150	270 06	1,267 50	Napanoch, N. Y.
	Total	2224	325	76	72	1	62	3469	178	63	754	1298	2119	$6,935 90	$49,520 54	

Ministers without Charge.—C. Scott, Holland, Mich. John A. Staats, Goshen, N. Y. Henry Morris, Binghampton, N. Y. Joshua Boyd, Newburgh, N. Y. R. Pitts, Stroudsburgh, Pa. N. W. Jones, Kerhonkson, N. Y. Rev. L. L. Comfort.

*No Report. †Last Report.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Clarkstown	Vacant	100	2	1	9	1	3	188	3	...	50	50	100	$577 15	$1,200 73	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y.
Tappan	Geo. M. S. Blauvelt	130	2	5	4	...	11	147	2	..	200	200	150	433	3,076	Tappantown, "
Acquackanonck	John Gaston	200	9	6	5	...	3	313	16	...	100	75	175	1,886 14	4,757 11	Passaic, N. J
Second Totowa	John H. Duryea	140	17	11	7	...	6	260	10	5	80	...	170	864 74	2,200	Paterson, "
Paramus	Goyn Talmage	*125	1	...	3	...	3	125	7	...	...	119	175	124 20	6 067 97	Hohokus, "
Pascack	Benjamin A. Bartholf	70	17	2	2	...	3	98	6	6	30	10	100	185 50	1,000	Park Ridge, "
Saddle River	Abraham H. Meyers	86	...	2	5	4	1	128	5	...	15	20	60	160 17	820	Monsey, Rockland Co. N. Y.
Ramapo	George A. Magie	60	11	...	...	...	1	46	12	...	...	15	60	96	785	Mahwah, Bergen Co., N. J.
West New Hempstead	Vacant	39	...	...	7	...	...	69	1	...	25	25	55	112 56	980 32	Monsey, N. Y.
Warwick	F. H Vanderveer	85	1	...	2	2	2	118	2	...	...	...	60	293 03	...	Warwick, "
Nyack	Henry V. Voorhees	150	11	6	6	...	6	261	17	4	200	85	225	479 87	11,497 25	Nyack, "
Piermont	Vacant	45	...	...	...	...	...	49	1	...	30	10	50	470	1,327	Piermont, "
Broadway, Paterson	William H. Clark†	100	1	3	6	...	...	120	...	...	...	30	150	201	3,000	Paterson, N J.
Spring Valley	Richard DeWitt	80	...	3	...	...	2	90	...	.	85	14	92	188 57	2,654	Spring Valley, N. Y.
North Passaic	Vacant	65	4	3	..	...	...	96	4	..	75	70	90	500	4,099 39	Passaic, N. J.
First Holland, Paterson	James Huyssoon	95	7	5	3	...	...	144	25	.	38	50	70	185 72	980 03	Paterson, "
Second Holland "	Adrian K. Kasse	110	2	...	3	...	3	125	23	...	60	50	50	221 75	1,439 79	Paterson, "
Holland, Lodi	Vacant	42	3	9	...	...	...	33	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lodi, "
	Total	1722	88	56	62	7	44	2410	138	15	988	773	1882	$6,829 40	$45,834 59	

Ministers without Charge.—Isaac D. Cole, Spring Valley, N. Y. John T. Demarest, D.D., Nyack Turnpike, N. Y. Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y. John R. Brock, Spring Valley, N. Y. Marshall B. Smith (s. c), Passaic, N. J.

Candidates.—William G. Haeselbarth, Nyack, N. Y. John Kershaw, Passaic, N. J.

*Revised List. †Pastor Elect.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Boardville, M. S	James E. Dernart	10	...	....	...	...	...	...	....	...	16	15	15	$78	....	Pompton, N. J.
Boonton	Aug. F. Todd	*45	....	..	...	...	...	*65	....	...	30	30	45	20	$1,357	Boonton, "
Fairfield	Joseph Wilson	60	....		...	...	...	249	....	...	30	25	89	50	669	Little Falls, "
Little Falls	Geo. J. Van Neste	68	8	...	2	..	...	106	3	3	..		85	477 93	1,360 76	Little Falls, "
Montville	Luther H. Van Doren	102	2	...	...	...	2	138	3	2	300	300	100	288 55	940	Boonton, "
Sixth Paterson, (Holland)	Jacobus M. Rutte	200	....	11	..	...	2	310	70	....	...	100	200	200	2,500	Paterson, "
Pompton Plains	Vacant†	136	..	..	...	...	...	228		....	120	65	200	...	...	Pompton Plains, "
Pompton	John N. Jansen(s. c.)	80			3	..	4	182	2		35	30	140	589 44	1,200	Pompton, "
Ponds	A. Vandewater	50	3	4	1	...	...	40	3	..	...	25	90	28	440	Oakland, "
Preakness	Solomon T. Cole	46	2	2	1	...	2	52	3	...	....		60	134 62	727 14	Paterson, "
Stone House Plains	Benjamin T. Statesir	60	4	..	2	..	1	105	1	2	30	50	50	160 41	1,048 01	Bloomfield, "
First Church Totowa	John Steele	120	9	10	6	...	2	188	12	2	70	15	100	700	2,400	Paterson, "
Wyckoff	Samuel T. Searle	100	3	.	...	..	...	124	11	....	30	20	60	147 60	1,250	Wyckoff, "
	Total	1072	31	27	15	...	13	1726	108	9	660	675	1225	$2,825 55	$13,879 91	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A. G. Ryerson, Paterson, N. J. Rev. J. C. Cruikshank, Little Falls, N. J. Rev. James Demarest, 186 Belleville Avenue, Newark, N. J.

* Revised List. Last Year's Report.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Harlingen.	John Gardner. . ..	160	16	7	13	...	7	255	18	7	80	80	250	.....	.....	Harlingen, N.J.
Readington	J. H. Smock.	280	22	18	9	...	..	361	19	10	...	....	312	$915 18	$2,632 38	Readington, "
Ne-Shanic	Gabriel Ludlow.	166	3	3	6	...	3	272	3	..	70	....	200	800	1,100	Ne-Shanic, "
First Philadelphia..... ..	Thomas X. Orr.....	180	18	12	3	...	...	260	1	2	.....	35	315	3,084 37	5,621	7th and Spring Garden, Phil.
Second Philadelphia... ..	C. P. Masden	193	2	4	20	...	3	...	3	...	...	50	300	2,310 68	4,649 25	810 Marshall Street, "
Third Philadelphia.... ..	Charles Wadsworth. ...	140	6	10	...		..	219	3	1	100	150	80	1,560	8,112	1602 Arch Street, "
Fourth Philadelphia.	P. S. Talmage, (s. c.) ...	60	19	5	3	...	2	157	9	1	.....	80	140	320	1,500	Roxborough, "
N. and S. Hampton.....	H. M. Voorhees.	115	14	6	3	...	2	238	5	7	.....	....	150	658 73	1,754 97	Richboro, Pa.
Blawenburgh	Wm. B. Voorhees.....	120	14	5	2	...	1	..	10	6	.....	..	....	.....	.....	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Stanton	Vacant	.....	...	....	..	...	...	....	..	..	.....	....	...	.....	.....	Stanton, "
Rocky Hill.....	Vacant	77	2	....	...	...	5	..	3	...	...	.	.	.....	1,200	Rocky Hill, "
Clover Hill	M. N. Oliver.....	75	7	4	1	...	1	115	1	4	...	40	60	180	1,500	Clover Hill, "
Addisville.	Isaac Collier	85	12	10	5	...	3	173	13	9	.....	133	87	600 76	1,758 02	Richboro, Penn
	Total.	1601	185	79	65	...	27	2050	88	47	250	518	1894	$10,379 67	$29,852 62	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, Amoy, China. Rev. G. E. Gramm, Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. H. Doolittle, North Branch, N. J.
Candidates.—John Hart; H. B. Craig.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE..—P. S N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
First Poughkeepsie.....	A. P. Van Gieson.....	190	5	22	7	...	9	422	7	....	127	254	166	6,219 68		Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie.....	Vacant	127	5	1	18	...	6	244	2	1	80	80	120	7,454 46	3,204 70	Fishkill, "
Fishkill	P. E. Kipp	93	14	8	5	..	2	158		8	120	18	75	676 46	3,420	Poughkeepsie, "
Hopewell	O. E. Cobb	115	5	4	14	3	7	253	8	....	....	....	140	808 55		Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack..	H. Ward.....	116	11	1	7	...	6	147	6	8	60	60	200	370 60	2,606 56	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck..... ..	A. P. Peeke*.....	185	5	6	3	...	5	291	4	1	100	75	60	580 85	2,408 79	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	C. W. Fritts...	100	19	2	5	...	2	195	6	5	....	200	150	857 11	4,894 77	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	H. Dater.....	80	11	7	10	...	...	177	5	5	...	50	60	136 94	1,200	Hyde Park, "
Glenham	Vacant..... ...	50	2	2		..	1	64	4	....	...	90	90	200	1,000	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Vacant..		...			...	...	...	...	....	..	...	...			Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	H. N. Cobb	108	14	7	4	1	1	115	4	8	....	20	160	661 29	5,792 38	Washington, "
	Total	1114	91	60	73	4	39	2066	46	36	487	847	1121	$17,915 44	$24,528 20	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. H. Vedder, Greenbush. Rev. C. VanCleef, Poughkeepsie. Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill. Rev. Wm. A. Cornell, Poughkeepsie. Rev. C. D. Rice, Poughkeepsie. Rev. Harrison Heermance, Rhinebeck. Rev. A. N. Wyckoff.

*Pastor Elect.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
First Raritan	Abraham Messler	200	3	14	4	..	5	516	15	1	....	..	....	.....	.....	Somerville,	N. J.
Bedminster	Charles H. Pool	122	3	2	4	...	4	281	10	1		..	151	$2,541 25	$1,700	Pluckamin,	"
Lebanon	Vacant	160	2	8	3	...	2	212	8	..	....	100	...	154 77	3,421 12	Lebanon,	"
Rockaway	William Bailey	95	5	2	1	...	3	202	4	2	..	..	150	248	1,902	White House,	"
North Branch	P. M. Doolittle	116	7	2	12	1	...	170	6	1	75	12	100	474 07	1,854 70	North Branch	"
Second Raritan	J. F. Mesick (a. c.)	175	7	19	9	1	3	398	16	....	....	30	250	558 93	2,976	Somerville,	"
Peapack	H. P. Thompson	110	5	4	8	1	4	218	11	1	60	75	125	265 67	1,100	Peapack,	"
Branchville	William Pitcher	101	8	8	9	...	3	195	10	5	....	...	200	709 52	2,550	South Branch,	"
Third Raritan	James LeFevre	125	5	12	17	...	3	270	9	...	100	125	175	...	2,300	Raritan,	"
Easton	C. H. Edgar	55	....	5	4	...	...	94	8	....	50	..	80	575 74	21,888	Easton,	Pa.
Plainfield	Edward Schweitzer, S. S	....	...	..	..	...	...	....	...	...		...	...	.....	.....	Plainfield,	N. J.
Central Plainfield	Vacant	17	...	...	..	...	...	33	..	..	....	..	..	.....	.....	Plainfield,	"
Pottersville	Vernon B Carroll	60	7	4	18	...	2	78	4	3	30	50	50	23 95	1,179	Pottersville,	"
High Bridge	Jacob Fehrman	82	3	12	1	...	...	60	2	...	65	45	65	75	6,500	High Bridge,	"
Clinton Station	J. A. Van Doren	44	2	....	1	...	...	47	2	....	....	40	85	25	615	Annandale,	"
	Total	1462	57	82	86	8	29	2724	105	14	380	477	1431	$6,561 30	$47,985 82		

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. John Van Derveer, D.D., Easton, Pa. Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, D.D., New Baltimore, N. Y. Rev. William Cornell, Somerville, N. J. Rev. Robert Van Amburg, Lebanon, N. J. Rev. Peter D. Oakey, Ne-Shanic, N. J. Rev. H. F. Schnellendreussler, Plainfield, N. J. Rev. Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.—P. S A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
BloomingGrove	Wilson Ingalls	70	2	3	3	...	4	81	3	...	60	25	70	$70 45	$1,584 98	De Freestville, N. Y
Castleton	George A. Mills	125	3	...	..	..	2	206	4	1	.		150	1,155 19	1.774 81	Castleton.
Chatham	James B Campbell	130	4	4	3	...	10	170	6	3	.	60	200	931 95	2,175 88	Chatham Village.
First Ghent.	John B. Drury	62	1	4	...	...	...	84	...	...	35	55	70	384 74	4.110	Ghent.
Second Ghent	Elbert N. Sebring	125	4	5	6	...	1	124	3	2	.....	20	80	51	1,700	Hudson
Greenbush	William Anderson	166	20	6	1	...	...	207	13	11	.	112	170	839 68	2,089 89	East Greenbush.
Kinderhook	Edward A Collier	200	3	10	3	...	9	331	3	2	75	150	175	2,697 92	12.580 35	Kinderhook.
Nassau	Alfred H. Brush.	150	5	7	1	...	2	329	...	3	.	70	140	800	8,641	Nassau.
New Concord.	J. H. Bevier, S. S	80	....	1	1	...	1	50	...	...	16	55	71	116 75	458	New Concord
Schodack	A. B. Peffers	125	2	...	...	...	4	156	3	1	.	30	175	275	1,306	Schodack Landing.
Schodack Landing	Isaac L. Kipp	77	37	1	2	1	1	118	1	20	....	75	65	294 66	2,237 97	Schodack Landing.
Stuyvesant	Elbert Nevius, (s. c.)	130	....	...	4	...	2	144	2	...	.....	..	70	704 66	1,217 72	Stuyvesant.
Stuyvesant Falls	Vacant	50	4	3	3	...	1	56	...	...	.....	25	45	125	1,100	Stuyvesant Falls.
	Total	1440	85	48	27	1	37	2056	38	43	186	677	1481	$8,199	$41,576 11	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. C. S. Mead, Spencertown, Columbia County, N. Y. Rev. E. L. Heermance, New Haven, Conn

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRE
West Troy	A. J. Hutton	116	28	13	3	...	5	193	5	12	....	22	128	$754 80	$10,572	West Troy.
South, West Troy	S. W. Strong	120	68	16	3	...	2	*235	14	15	89	105	187	574 83	2,651 70	West Troy.
Wynantskill	J. S. L. Tomb	55	3	....	...	...	2	83	..	1	....	21	40	64	1,242	Wynantskill.
Rensselaer	Vacant	20		...	...	...	...	* 16	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....	Cohoes.
Boght	Vacant	44	10	....	..	...	2	60	....	3	....	26	35	10	616 50	Cohoes.
Waterford	Vacant	35	....	....	...	...	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....	Waterford.
Cohoes	C. N. Waldron (s. c.)	170	28	7	1	...	3	332	15	11	....	90	220	962 01	8,761 41	Cohoes.
Union Village	John G. Smart†	60	....	1	2	...	1	90	2	....	....	10	40	163 33	1,100	Greenwich.
Saratoga	I. H. Collier	115	11	6	1	...	2	64	5	4	100	50	150	390	1,640	Schuylerville.
Buskirks	P. Furbeck	50	1	1	2	1	2	72	....	1	....	40	50	75	4,098	Buskirk's Bridge.
Easton	Vacant	35	....	....	...	...	...	48	....	....	....	50	60	25	150	North Easton.
Schaghticoke	J. P. Viele	45	8	...	2	...	2	199	2	3	....	30	50	222 43	3,600	Schaghticoke.
Northumberland	C. D. Kellogg	95	14	....	3	...	2	105	3	10	....	20	40	500	2,140	Bacon Hill.
Fort Miller	C. D. Kellogg	78	45	1	..	...	...	104	8	30	....	15	55	515	419	Bacon Hill
Gansevoort	Vacant	46	1	1	..	...	3	28	....	1	....	30	25	25	500	Gansevoort.
Jackson																
	Total	1092	217	46	17	1	26	1629	54	91	189	519	1030	$4,280 90	$37 .48	

Ministers without Charge.—O. H. Gregory, West Troy. H. A. Raymond, Schenectady John Smith, Greenbush A G. Cochran, Galesville. J. S. Wy
Wood Haven, Queens Co., N. Y.

* Revised Roll. † Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & R. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & R. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
1st Schenectady	A. G. Vermilye	318	21	8	5	...	4	472	4	2	367	477	240	$2,602	$5,695	Schenectady, N. Y.
2d Schenectady	W. H. Phraner	175	32	16	5	..	3	180	9	19	....	....	150	261	3,926	Schenectady.
3d Schenectady	Vacant															
1st Glenville	John Minor	180	12	1	8	...	5	220	4	7	80	75	180	265	7,629	Glenville.
2d Glenville	Andrew Johnston*	†110	...	....	...	...	..	124	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	Scotia.
1st Rotterdam	J. C. Lowe	131	4	....	3	...	1	89	7	....	....	....	150	100	1,426	Van Vechten.
2d Rotterdam	W. P. Davis	100	5	3	4	...	4	110	8	....	50	40	150	100	1,318	Schenectady.
Helderberg	S. L. Gamble	210	168	6	3	...	5	411	7	58	....	125	260	311	4,090	Guilderland Centre.
Niskayuna	J. A. DeBaun, (s. c.)	100	30	4	4	...	4	‡171	4	11	80	80	90	427	2,200	Niskayuna.
Lisha's Kill	J. A. DeBaun	85	33	4	3	..	2	192	3	10	90	90	75	365	1,200	Niskayuna.
Amity	W. W. Letson	100	2	1	2	...	3	152	2	..	40	40	120	230	11,000	Vischer's Ferry.
Princetown	Vacant	†70	....	....	...	...	...	145	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	Dunnsville.
Cranesville	Vacant	20	6	8	.	...	...	14	4	2	....	....	....	7	552	Cranesville.
	Total	1544	308	51	37	...	31	2280	52	104	707	927	1515	$4,668	$39,036	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A. J. Switz, Schenectady, N. Y. Rev. R. B. Welch, D.D., Professor in Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. Rev. R. L. Schoonmaker, Chaplain State Prison, Sing Sing, N. Y. Rev. D. B. Hall, Colporteur, Duanesburgh, N. Y. Rev. D. Wortman, D.D, Hopewell Junction, N. Y. Rev. A. A. Bookstaver; Rev. W. F. Schwilk, suspended.

* Pastor elect. † Last year's report. ‡ Corrected list.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDR
Schoharie	E Vedder, (s. c)	108	9	6	1	...	1	132	...	6	....	12	145	.....	$1.413 14	Schoharie.
Middleburgh	S. W. Rowe	90	8	2	1	1	1	133	1	....	....	15	100	$265 66	1,300	Middleburgh.
Gallupville	J. H. Kershow	70	....	1	6	..	2	120	....	....	30	85	90	37 11	1,073 30	Gallupville.
Berne	Vacant	60	....	....	1	...	2	150	....	....	20	20	50	92	430	Berne.
Beaver Dam	Vacant	54	1	....	1	...	1	82	....	....	20	12	50	28 72	390	Berne.
Lawyersville	J. Markle	71	....	1	...	...	3	55	1	....	40	35	50	17 92	655	Lawyersville.
Schoharie Mountain	J. Markle	20	....	1	...	...	...	23	....	....	...	....	....	7 25	350	Lawyersville.
Sharon	T. L. Shaffer	50	19	1	..	...	2	100	....	7	....	25	80	140	930	Sharon Centre.
Gilboa	W. S. Moore	85	3	....	...	...	4	117	....	2	30	25	50	79 50	1,844 50	Gilboa.
North Blenheim	Vacant															
Breakabin	Vacant															
Eminence	Vacant															
	Total	608	34	12	10	1	16	912	2	15	140	229	615	$668 36	$8,286 84	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. M. Scribner, Middleburgh, N. Y. Rev. J. S. Lott, E. Kinney Street, Newark, N. J. Rev. E. Miller, Berne, Albany C
Rev. J. H. Van Woert, Lawyersville, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & R. C.		Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction		Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Blue Mountain	A. P. Freeze*	80	....	....	3	...	1	132	7	....		....	198	$89 97	$210	Saugerties.
Catsban	N. F. Chapman (s. c.)	75	1	....	....	...	3	148	10	...	30	.	40	308 55	2,196 66	Saugerties.
Esopus	J. N. Voorhis	100	2	....	1	...	1	47	8	2	70	40	120	314	.....	Ulster Park.
Flatbush	Wm. B. Merritt	115	13	1	4	...	3	239	26	3	125	50	225	337 82	1,698 08	Glasco.
Kingston	D. N. Vanderveer	245	16	11	7	...	6	415	6	3	250	7	179	1,243 65	6,074 66	Kingston
North Esopus	A. M. Arcularius	87	3	....	2	...	2	126	3	1	20	160	131	306 20	1,814 65	Port Ewen.
Plattekill	M. L. Schenck	147	10	1	2	.	8	262	34	2		75	80	200	2,000	Glasco.
Saugerties	S. H. Cobb	150	4	7	..	...	4	235	1	1	130	36	140	4,647 37	3,328 85	Saugerties.
Shokan	John W. Hammond	85	27	3	2	...	2	161	9	10	12	60	71	.....	.....	Shokan
Shandaken	John W. Hammond	85	5	....	..	...	2	88	.	3	.	..	..	.....	.....	Shokan.
West Hurley	C. Blauvelt	70	27	3	4	...	1	142	13	8	30	40	85	85	2,459 15	West Hurley.
Woodstock	John C. F. Hoes, S. S.	60	10	5	4	...	...	95	8	5	91	41	....	49 20	1,684 60	Kingston.
Wiltwyck	Vacant	83	4	....	1	...	2	55	4	....	....	82	120	.....	.....	Kingston.
	Total	1282	122	31	30	...	35	2095	129	38	758	541	1384	$7,701 76	$21,416 65	

Ministers without Charge.—Henry Ostrander, D.D., Saugerties, N. Y. W. L. James, Kingston, N. Y. Wesley Taylor, suspended.

* Pastor elect

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Bronxville	Washington Roosevelt	50	3	...	...	...	1	56	...	1	..		...	...	...	Pelham, N. Y.
Cortlandtown	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Montrose, "
Fordham	William Brush	60	1	8	1	...	2	70	12	...	25	..	70	$300	$2,470	Fordham, "
Greenburg	George N. Snyder	43	2	12	...	...	3	88	2	..	.	41	25	130 30	5,464 88	White Plains, "
Greenville	John H. Pitcher	32	3	.	4	...	4	40	6	.	12	10	45	197 56	1 030 34	Scarsdale, "
Hastings	Thomas R. G. Peck	105	18	10	6	...	...	147	1	6	...	220	160	1,698 79	3,991 58	Hastings-on-Hudson, "
Melrose	George Windemuth	48	27	...	10	...	5	120	14		35	40	120	50	625	Morrisania, "
Mount Vernon	Mancius H Hutton (a. c.)	80	10	8	11	...	1	180	4	2	168	168	112	322 35	7,344 03	Mount Vernon, "
Peekskill	Jeremiah Searle	70	11	2	4	.	2	109	11	3	64	55	69	889 05	... .	Peekskill, "
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	120	11	16	3	...	3	248	1	4	150	168	125	1,040 49	9,779	North Tarrytown, "
Tarrytown, Second	John A. Todd	100	4	14	13	...	3	295	6	....	60	75	105	1,955 89	5,107 64	Tarrytown "
Unionville	Laurence H. Van Dyck	54		...	5	...	...	48	..	...	...	30	35	111 75	800	Neperan "
West Farms	John Simonson	67	1	1	3	...	1	75	2	...	47	64	78	144 20	5,519 66	West Farms, "
White Plains	Victor M. Hulbert	47	...	...	14	...	1	63	3		...	...	...	132	9,252	White Plains, "
Yonkers	David Cole	128	11	5	12	...	3	214	18	1	330	201	198	2,404 16	8,298 62	Yonkers, "
	Total	1009	97	76	76	...	29	1658	80	17	886	1067	1132	$8,871 54	$59,682 65	

Ministers without Charge.—John Garretson, D.D., New Brunswick, N. J. W. W. Rand, Yonkers.
Candidates.—Alex. Watson, N. Y. B. S., Sing Sing, N. Y. Alphonso Wood, West Farms, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Alto	John H. Karsten	108	3	3	15	1	3	184	20	....	175	..	....	$669	$1,560	Waupun, Wis.
Bethlehem	Vacant	13	....	2	....	....	....	31	4	....	39	....	....	156	63	Town S, Milwaukee Co., Wis.
Danforth	A. Duiker*	18		4	....	....	....	16	7	..	23	....		43 75	50 54	Danforth, Iroquois County, Ill.
Chicago	B. De Bey	166	16	17	8	5	2	255	40	..2	140	....	130	119 63	4,214	Chicago, Ill.
Franklin	Vacant	23		....	2	....	3	46	6	....	22	..	....	301 32	214 26	Franklin, Milwaukee Co., Wis.
Forreston	F. J. Reichert	40	8	4	..	....	1	40		....	..	....	..	81 78	1,440 76	Forreston, Ill.
Fulton	John Vander Meulen	50	2	1	.	1	1	49	11	....	50	.	35	167	700	Fulton, Ill.
Gibbsville	J. W. Dunnewold	70	5	6	10	....	....	141	15	....	140	....	125	344	1,327	Gibbsville, Sheboy'n, Co., Wis.
Greenleaf	P. Lepeltak	62	4	1	6	2	....	80	18	....	120	..		171	600	Forrestville, Fillmore Co., Wis.
Holland, Wis	H. Stobbelaar	81	4	5	5	2	1	188	18	..	100	..	130	456	782 35	Cedar Grove, Sheboy'n Co., Wis.
High Prairie	H. R. Koopman	92	7	7	6	....	6	154	37	....	136	....	....	1,060 10	1,372 35	Calumet, Cook Co., Ill.
Holland, Neb	J. W. te Winkle	55	17	15	2	..	....	73	10	.	50	....	55	60	48	Panama, Lancaster Co., Ill.
Milwaukee	A. Zwemer, (s. c.)	64	3	3	9	1	1	130	11	....	110	....	135	692 88	3,399 50	673 Tenth St., Milwaukee, Wis.
Oostburg	Vacant	39	..	....	6	....	1	98	8	....	68	....	....	216 66	606 99	Cedar Grove, Sheb'n Co., Wis.
Peoria	John Mueller	40	16	....	....	....	1	19	5	..	18	....	....	.....	1,900	Peoria, Ill.
P. P. & W. Rock	Vacant		....	....	..	.	....		..	..	..	....	....	....	....	P. Pt.& W.Rock, Ogle, Co., Ill.
South Holland	A. Buursma	90	3	7	7	..	1	137	25	....	100	....	..	740	550	South Holland, Cook Co., Ill.
Silver Creek	Steffens*	117	....	2	3	..	..	117	27	....	30	....	50	546 04	2,762 98	Freeport, Ill.
Sheboygan Falls	Vacant	10	2	2	2	....	1	19	2	....	30	..	....	26	119 50	Sheboy'n Falls, Sheb. Co., Wis.
	Total	1183	85	79	81	12	22	1772	259	..2	1351	....	660	$5 851 16	$21,711 41	

Ministers without Charge.— Rev. Charles Wilson, Missionary, Two Rivers, Wis. Rev. K. Van der Schuur, Sheboygan Falls, Wis. Rev. H. G. Klyn, Pella, Iowa.

*Pastor elect.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA FOR THE YEAR 1872.

CLASSES	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd By Certificate.	Now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	No. of Catechumens.	No. in Biblical Instruction.	Total No. of S. S. Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
Classis of Albany	17	17	..	1586	151	60	2901	138	35	1109	1790	2682	$22,342	$25,799	Rev. J. Lansing Pearse.
Classis of Arcot	31	7	2	611	66	77	718	112	42	808	..	....	..	.....	Jacob Chamberlain.
Classis of Bergen	18	16	.	1178	105	54	1572	258	12	1136	494	1967	6,913 52	21 525 96	W. R. Gordon.
South Classis of Bergen	9	11	..	811	72	37	1268	86	10	929	1142	1384	10,585 22	37,190 71	Wm. Rankin Duryee.
Classis of Cayuga	12	10	..	887	68	32	1157	40	30	1084	1086	1500	5.075 92	32,061 33	M. L. Berger.
Classis of Grand River	10	7	..	1084	100	116	1318	279	1	957	.. ..	1043	4,854	16,999	A. Kriekard
Classis of Geneva	19	15	..	1141	118	200	1916	198	10	887	691	1002	3,763 54	22,567 44	John Whitbeck.
Classis of Greene	10	12	..	809	92	30	1267	28	41	145	394	530	2,483 58	17,017 32	F A. Horton.
Classis of Holland	16	14	..	1081	81	72	1730	209	1	1256	..	725	4,885 61	8,626 26	E. C. Oggel.
Classis of Hudson	10	13	.	1057	88	30	1611	44	31	660	626	1149	11,617 78	32,554 81	Edwin Holmes.
Classis of Illinois	19	21	..	1068	199	125	1516	198	18	740	1004	1832	5,479 23	27,506 16	J. S. Joralmon.
Classis of Kingston	13	10	..	1410	67	34	2046	78	26	542	790	1633	4,523 15	16,428 65	Philip Peltz.
North Classis of Long Island	18	22	1	1732	210	60	2681	268	54	1366	2057	2297	9,738 67	65,389 47	Wm. H. Ten Eyck.
South Classis of Long Island	14	19	..	1695	175	226	3313	173	28	1220	1560	2750	54,012 47	49,351 90	David S. Sutphen.
Classis of Michigan	9	8	..	874	16	11	558	18	11	55	410	779	2,644 60	5,251 20	J. W. Beardslee.
Classis of Monmouth	8	10	.	649	144	32	1158	30	98	400	390	615	2,203 20	11,752 17	James Bolton.
Classis of Montgomery	23	15	..	1588	214	28	1650	60	88	195	272	1369	3.274 61	32,996 12	A. J. Hagaman
Classis of Newark	10	14	..	1207	102	73	1738	108	25	1347	1584	2027	19,164 92	77,429 09	Isaac P. Brokaw.
Classis of New Brunswick	10	20	3	1064	58	56	2043	40	3	565	871	1445	11,274	40,434	Richard H. Steele.
Classis of New York	17	38	..	2342	224	159	4669	190	25	809	1138	4977	72,201 46	61,674 71	T. W Chambers.
South Classis of New York	7	9	1	788	85	21	1562	173	13	973	540	613	8,541 46	33,195 32	S H. Meeker.
Classis of Orange	25	26	..	2224	326	76	2469	178	63	754	1293	2119	6,805 90	49,520 54	Edward W. Bentley.
Classis of Paramus	18	18	2	1722	88	56	2410	138	15	988	773	1882	6,829 40	45,834 59	Marshall B Smith.
Classis of Passaic	13	15	..	1072	31	27	1726	108	9	660	675	1225	2,825 55	13,879 91	John N. Jansen.
Classis of Philadelphia	13	14	2	1601	135	79	2050	88	47	250	518	1894	10,379 67	29,852 62	P. Stryker Talmage.
Classis of Poughkeepsie	11	15	..	1111	91	60	2066	46	36	487	847	1121	17,915 44	24,528 20	A. P. Van Gieson.
Classis of Raritan	15	19	..	1462	57	82	2724	105	14	880	477	1431	6,651 30	47.985 70	John F. Mesick.
Classis of Rensselaer	13	14	..	1440	85	47	2056	38	43	186	677	1481	8,199	41,576 11	E Nevius.
Classis of Saratoga	16	13	..	1092	217	46	1629	54	91	189	519	1030	4,280 90	37,485 61	C. N. Waldron.
Classis of Schenectady	13	16	..	1544	308	51	2280	52	104	707	927	1515	4,668	39,086	J. A De Baun.
Classis of Schoharie	12	9	..	608	34	12	912	2	15	140	229	615	668 36	8,286 84	E. Vedder.
Classis of Ulster	13	14	..	1282	122	31	2095	129	33	758	541	1384	7,701 76	21,416 65	N. F. Chapman.
Classis of Westchester	15	16	2	1009	97	76	1653	30	17	886	1076	1132	8,871 54	59,682 65	Mancius H. Hutton.
Classis of Wisconsin	19	17	..	1133	85	79	1772	259	2	1351	. ...	660	5,851 16	21,711 41	A Zwemer.
Total	491	509	13	41335	4111	2255	64214	4190	1106	23864	25281	49758	$357,216 86	$1066,492 45	

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to report that they have examined the acts and proceedings of the last General Synod, together with Minutes of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany, Chicago, and New Brunswick, and find nothing in the Minutes of General Synod to which it is necessary to call attention.

On page 42 of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New York, they find it stated that a number of the churches "were obliged to reply in the negative to the second constitutional question," and so far as appears from the Minutes, no notice was taken by the Synod of this neglect of constitutional requirement.

On page 26 of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, your Committee find the following item, viz: "Therefore, we, the Particular Synod of Albany, do most respectfully petition the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, through the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, to so change, alter, or amend the rule in the Constitution, chap. 2, art. 1, sec. 13, which is now interpreted by some Classes as prohibiting such an exchange of courtesy, so that it may allow the privilege of inviting other evangelical ministers to a sitting as corresponding members in our ecclesiastical assemblies." As your Committee understand that this matter is now in the hands of a special committee, no further action is deemed necessary by us.

On page 139 of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Chicago, your Committee find two resolutions, to the purport that it is the conviction of said Synod "that the contributions so generously made by all portions of the Church for the sufferers within the bounds of our Classis of Holland ought to be counted by the General Synod and its Committee as belonging to the Centennial Fund," and further, that in consequence of the losses, and necessary outlays in repairing them, making it impossible for the people to do all that they had hoped and intended for the Centennial Fund by the time of meeting of this General Synod, and be

cause the Centennial year did not practically begin until October, 1871; therefore they request that this General Synod will extend the memorial year to the 15th of October, 1872. Your Committee understanding that this matter has already been acted on by another Committee, deem further action unnecessary on their part.

On page 134 of the Minutes of Particular Synod of Chicago, it appears from the report of Classical Minutes that the "constitutional inquiries and answers of each particular church are wanting in the Minutes of the Classes of Holland, Grand River, and Wisconsin." No notice of neglect of such constitutional requirement seems to have been taken by the Synod.

On page 34 of the Minutes of Particular Synod of New Brunswick, some of the churches of seven Classes are reported as giving negative answers to some of the constitutional questions. In one instance, that of Classis of Monmouth, the seventh question was not asked at all. No notice seems to have been taken of this neglect by the Synod.

Inasmuch as the asking and answering of these questions is a constitutional requirement, and it is expected that all answers should be in the affirmative, your Committee deem those Particular Synods derelict in duty who fail to notice the neglect of the Classes in enforcing this constitutional requirement.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following:—

Resolved, That the attention of the Particular Synods of New York, Chicago, and New Brunswick be called to this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. F. JONES, *Chairman*.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures presented the following Report which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures respectfully report that the following matters have called for their attention:

1. A petition from the North Classis of Long Island for a dispensation by which they may omit the Greek and Hebrew languages in examining for licensure Mr. Gerret Van Emmerick. Mr. Van Emmerick is a Hollander, who has performed useful missionary

Classis is eager to call him Under these circumstances your Committee recommend that the dispensation be granted.

2. The statement from the delegates from the Classis of Philadelphia that Mr. Horace P. Craig, of the Church of Readington, N. J., was recommended by that Classis for a dispensation from the college course, so that he might enter the Theological Seminary this fall. Mr. Craig is 26 years old, and is married. His piety, zeal and ability are attested by his pastor, Rev. John H. Smock, a member of this body. His own means will enable him to complete a seminary course. Your Committee are reluctant to discourage the earnest wish of one whose heart God seems to have touched, and since in this case a college course is impossible, they recommend that the dispensation be granted. They recommend, however, that the Classis take further notice of this case, and be advised and empowered to qualify the dispensation by requiring Mr. Craig to engage in preliminary studies for one year, so that he may enter the Seminary in the autumn of 1873.

3. An application from Charles W. Pitcher for a dispensation from the senior year of college study. Mr. Pitcher is in the 24th year of his age. He argues that since he has not thus far taken the full collegiate course, he cannot graduate even after another year. He pleads, moreover, the expense of the additional year of study. Your Committee cannot regard these considerations as valid grounds for granting a dispensation to one who can so easily fulfil the substantial conditions of the Constitution. The plea of expense can be urged by many others at the end of their junior year, and the omission of a single department of college study can be provided for by dispensation to be granted when the remaining year shall have been completed. Your Committee cannot recommend a dispensation from that single year of study.

4. An overture from the Classis of Montgomery, in favor of so changing the Constitution of our Church as to enable our judicatories to extend invitations to ministers of other churches to sit as corresponding members. Since a change to that effect is already proposed in the amended Constitution, your Committee leaves the matter to the wisdom of the Synod. They can see no reason why such change should not be made.

5. A request from the Board of Foreign Missions, that in view

of a recent law of the State of New York, the General Synod will resolve to add to Art. II. of the Rules of the Board, the words: "But no officer or person receiving a salary or emolument, directly or indirectly, from the Treasury, shall be a member of the Board;" and to strike out from Art. I. of the Rules respecting the Executive Committee, the words "Corresponding Secretary and;" and also to strike out from Art. III. of the Constitution of the Board the words "Corresponding Secretary and."

Your Committee recommend that this request be granted, so that the proposed changes be made.

Under the suggestion of this request, and without formal instruction from the Synod, your Committee have thought it their duty to look after all those instances in which the wording of the Constitution or rules of our several Boards might seem to conflict with the new law referred to.

They recommend, accordingly, the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the By-laws of the Board of Direction be amended by adding to paragraph 10, as follows:

"No officer or person receiving a salary or any emolument, directly or indirectly, from the Treasury, shall be a member of the Board."

Resolved, That paragraph 5 of plan adopted by General Synod for the Board of Domestic Missions, be amended so as to read as follows:

"5. That the said Board shall annually elect seven members, who, with the Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, shall constitute an Executive Committee, to manage the missionary and church extension concerns. Of these seven members of the Board, three shall be laymen, and four ministers; five members of the Committee shall form a quorum for the transaction of business, and they shall meet monthly."

Resolved, That Sec. 1 of Art. IV. of the Constitution of the Board of Publication be amended so as to read as follows:

"Art. IV., Sec. 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of seven members of the Board, and the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; of the seven who are members of the Board, three shall be ministers, and four laymen."

Resolved, That so much of the resolution of the Synod of 1857, contained on page 244 of vol. 9 of Minutes of Synod, as ordains that the Corresponding Secretary of each of our Boards be *ex-officio* a member of said Board, be hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That no officer of any Board who receives a salary or other compensation or emolument from the Treasury of such Board, shall be a member thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. GANSE, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The Committee appointed to revise the Constitution presented the following Report, which was accepted:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution beg leave to report that they have given to the subject submitted to them much time and thought.

They have endeavored to weigh well every point in the instrument, going over the whole first by sub-committees, and afterwards by joint and careful discussion, and have adopted everything unanimously.

Synod will perceive that an attempt has been made both to simplify the arrangement, and to obtain unity and order, which will account for the omission of certain parts, and for the transposition of other portions which will be found in the perfected work.

Your Committee would further state that they have examined the published Digest, and endeavored to embody in the Constitution such orderings of Synod as seemed to them desirable.

They have considered with care the several distinct propositions which were submitted to them by Synod at its last meeting.

Since, however, the completion and printing the work assigned them. and which is herewith submitted to Synod, circumstances have occurred in the history of some of our churches which have induced your Committee to propose the following additional sections in Article VI., viz:

After section 3 the following:

No Consistory shall be allowed to dissolve a Church, or transfer its property to any other denomination without the consent of Classis.

And after section 11 the following:

When any circumstances shall, in the judgment of the Consistory, make the presiding of their own minister at its sessions undesirable, they may, on the request of their pastor, invite a minister of their own Classis to preside on the occasion.

The Committee would only further state, that they have incurred an expense of about $100 for the printing of the copies of the Constitution herewith presented, and request that it may be paid.

All which is respectfully submitted,

In behalf of the Committee,

M. S. HUTTON, *Chairman.*

Accompanying the Report were printed copies of the Constitution as revised. The Constitution, as presented by the Committee, was then carefully considered by the Synod section by section, and then adopted as a whole, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes. (*See Appendix.*)

The Synod also adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Appendix to the Constitution, including the Formularies and Rules of Order, be recommitted to the Committee on Revision, in order that it may be submitted to the next General Synod, with such amendments as may be necessary to make it harmonize with the Revised Constitution.

Resolved, That the Revised Constitution be submitted to the Classes as a whole, with the exception of the following sections, viz: Art. VII., sec. 4, of the Deputatus Synodi; Art. VIII., sec. 4, of the same subject; Art. VII., sec. 8, the second question, in reference to the Heidelberg Catechism; Art. X., sec. 4, in reference to the order of worship; which shall be submitted separately, with the recommendation of this General Synod that the respective

Classes shall adopt the Constitution as a whole, with the exception of the above specified sections, and with the recommendation that the Classes act on each of the above sections separately.

Resolved, That the Committee on the Revised Constitution prepare and address to each Classis a brief circular letter, explaining, as far as possible, the changes recommended, and, when necessary, the reasons therefore.

Resolved, That each Classis be recommended to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the event of the rejection of any of the sections, the number of the succeeding section be changed accordingly.

Resolved, That the special attention of the Classes is called to the necessity of action upon the Revised Constitution at their fall meetings, that Synod may have it fully before them next year.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

The Committee on the revision of the Liturgy reported progress. Their Report was accepted, and the Committee was continued, to report at the next General Synod.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Fortieth Annual Report of the Board of Education was received and referred to the Committee on Education, with the exception of so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education was received, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Education beg leave to say that the only document referred to them is the printed Report of the Board of Education.

As in accordance with the recommendation made last year, copies of this Report have been laid on the table and distributed to the members of Synod, your Committee feel that there is no need of lengthened reference to it, and simply offer the following resolution:

Resolved, 1st. That while the increase of the number of students under the charge of the Board, from seventy five to seventy-nine, is ground for thankfulness, yet the decrease in the receipts of the Board by more than two thousand dollars is a cause of real concern, and calls for renewed devotion to this important work of the Church.

2d. That the Synod urges on all the pastors and members of our Churches the importance of securing an increase in the number of those who will devote themselves to the work of the Gospel ministry.

3d. That we recommend the last Thursday of January next as a day of special prayer for the blessing of God on our Schools and Seminaries of learning.

By order of the Committee.

ISAAC RILEY, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations reported, and the Synod proceeded by ballot to fill vacancies in the Board. The following were elected:—Rev. B. C. Taylor, Charles H. Stitt, David Cole, Joachim Elmendorf, Mr. Samuel B. Schieffelin, R. N. Perlee, John Dorrance, Henry Bergen.

ARTICLE XIII.

CHURCH COLLEGES.

The following Report of the Council of Hope College was received and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF HOPE COLLEGE

Hope College, April 29th, 1872.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

The Council of Hope College beg leave to present their Annual Report, as follows:

1. ORGANIZATION.

At the regular meeting of the Council in June, 1871, the following officers were elected:

Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, *President;* Elder L. S. Viele, *Adsessor;* Rev. A. T. Stewart, *Secretary.*

The Executive Committee, together with the Theological Teachers, were appointed a Committee for the reception of theological students.

A special meeting of the Council was held Sept. 6th, 1871, at which were presented copies of the Minutes of Synod, containing the Amended Constitution of Hope College, adopted by the General Synod.

The first meeting of the Council under the new Constitution began on the fourth Wednesday of April, 1872, the final session of which was held on Monday, April 29.

It was resolved that the officers of the Council be continued until the annual meeting in June.

The following members were present:

Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, representing the Synod of Chicago; Rev. A. Kriekaard and Elder K. Brouwer, representing the Classis of Grand River; Rev. E. C. Oggel and Elder H. O. Yntema, representing the Classis of Holland; Rev. U. D. Gulick and Elder L. S. Viele, representing the Classis of Illinois; Rev. A. T. Stewart, Rev. C. Van Der Veen and Elder B. Ledeboer, representing the Classis of Michigan; Rev. J. H. Karsten, representing the Classis of Wisconsin; Rev. Charles Scott, representing the Theological Faculty, and Rev. Philip Phelps, representing the Institution.

II. THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

From the Annual Report presented at the April meeting, it appeared that the following students had been in attendance during the year:

Senior Class.—Harm Borgers, Evert Van Der Hart.

Middle Class.—Henry Boer, John A. De Spelder, Peter De Bruyn, James F. Zwemer.

Junior Class.—John Hofman, Klaas Neerken.

In addition to the branches assigned them by the General Synod, Dr. Crispell has given instruction in Pastoral Theology, in place of Dr. Van Raalte, appointed to that service by the Council, but prevented by ill health, and other causes, from attending to it; Prof. Beck, in Biblical Criticism; and Prof. Scott, in Archæology.

During a part of the year, by appointment of Council, Rev. R. Pieters has given instruction in Exegesis; and Rev. C. Van Der Veen, in Sacred Rhetoric.

The deportment and progress of the students have been commendable during the year.

The Senior Class having been examined in the required branches, and in personal experience and views of the ministry, and having presented specimens of sermonizing, it was resolved that the examination be approved, and that the members be furnished wtth the professoral certificate directed by the General Synod.

III. ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT.

There have been in this department during the year twenty students, classified as follows: 1 Senior, 5 Juniors, 5 Sophomores, and 9 Freshmen.

The Senior and Junior classes have been instructed together in Moral Philosophy by Rev. A. T. Stewart.

The Freshman and Sophomore classes have been instructed in Rhetoric and English Literature by Assistant Professor Shields; in Latin and Greek by Assistant Professor Moerdvk; and the Freshman class in Mathematics by Tutor Kollen—the appointments of Rev. Peter Moerdyk, a graduate of each of the departments of Hope College, and of Mr. Gerrit J. Kollen, of the collegiate class of 1868, having been made in September. Tutor Doesburg continues to teach the modern languages in this and the preparatory department.

Mr. Arend Visscher, the only remaining senior, was examined in the studies of the closing year, and his examination was sustained.

At the last academic commencement, seven young men received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, of whom three are studying Theology; one, Medicine; one, Law; and two are teachers.

IV. PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

The four classes of this department have included forty-four students, of whom three are from Japan, making the number in the whole school seventy-two.

The instruction has been rendered in their respective branches by Tutors Doesburg, Shields, Moerdyk and Kollen. Mr. Parsons

Nine graduates of the preceding *A* class were received into the Academic Freshman class.

V. ENDOWMENT.

During the summer vacation, Dr. Phelps was occupied in making provision to anticipate the wants of the Institution for the new school year, and his labors added very materially to the value of the Synod's property. But his expectation to resume his endowment work immediately after the opening of the term was frustrated by the disastrous fire which, on the 9th of October, destroyed two-thirds of the city, and devastated the surrounding country.

In the emergency, for the purpose of meeting the most serious need of the afflicted place, while at the same time prosecuting his special agency, he was authorized by the Executive Committee to present an appeal for donations to the endowment, to be loaned as capital in Holland City. The circumstances, however, of his family and the details of the relief work, have compelled him to remain at home since November.

The amount of cash which has been received from this endeavor is $2,805.33, of which $2,800 have been loaned, and the securities are herewith transmitted to the Synod.

The special donations for endowment are as follows:

Per Rev. Dr. Phelps:

Morris K. Jessup	$1,000	
Church, Davenport, Iowa	33	50
Fourth Church, Albany, N. Y. (German)	100	
Church, Naumburg	1	
A. A. Raven, New York	50	
Misses Duryee, Jerseyville, Ill.	50	
"A. P." Newark, N. J.	1	
S. S., Church on Heights, Brooklyn	25	
Mrs. J. A. Haswell, Knox, N. Y.	10	
S. S., Third Church, Albany, N. Y.	9	35
Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D., India	53	72

Per Rev. Dr. J. L. See:

Mr. P. P. and Mrs. J. W. Schoonmaker	500	

Church, North Branch	80	
Mrs. J. D. Smith, Clinton Av. Ch., Newark	107	76
Rev. A. B. Taylor	50	
S. S., English Neighborhood	18	
Church, Boardville	10	
"H. S. B.," Philadelphia	5	
Church, North and South Hampton	80	
A Lady, per Rev. C. D. Buck	5	
Church, Port Jervis	45	
Per Rev. Dr. R. W. Clark:		
First Church, Albany, N. Y.	71	
Miss Maria Egberts	500	
	$2,805	33

In addition to the above, $2,200 have been subscribed, of which $500 have been paid by S. B. Schieffelin, Esq, the interest of the latter to be devoted to the library and reading-room.

An abstract of the expenses attending the endowment efforts of Dr. Phelps, at intervals during the past two years, is submitted as follows:

Paid for printing, postage, etc.	$170	88
Expenses between Holland and New York at different times	131	07
Other traveling expenses	267	93
	$569	88

Collected by him expressly for expenses:

Donation of Samuel B. Schieffelin	$100			
" James L. Schieffelin	100			
" Mrs. M. F. Tillotson	50			
" Wm. A. Hall	50			
" Maurice E. Viele	50			
" Rev. J. S. Lott	10			
" Rev. Henry V. Voorhees	5			
Add receipts for preaching	80			
Add surplus of Loan Fund	5	33		
			450	33
Deficiency			$119	55

Your Council recommend that the Synod authorize its Treasurer to pay this deficiency.

VI. CONTINGENT FUND.

The following is an abstract of the Contingent Fund, from April 1, 1871, till April 1, 1872.

RECEIPTS.

Endowment Interest		$2,269 85
Fees		540
Donations as follows:		
James L. Schieffelin, New York	$20	
Churches of Holland City	745 31	
Individuals in Holland Churches, West	112 46	
Varseveld, Netherlands	25 84	
Bushnell Church, Ill.	65	
Peter Clement, Pittsford, Michigan	10	
Charles Van Zandt, Albany, N. Y.	25	
Mrs. S. Van Rensselaer, Albany, N. Y.	100	
Miss Mary Few, Hastings upon Hudson	100	
Mrs. M. F. Tillotson	150	
Mrs. M. F. Tillotson, additional	500	
		1,853 61
		$4,663 46

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	$1,907 30
Traveling Expenses of Council	225 25
Janitor	281 01
Building Repairs and Extension	3,782 72
Grounds	49 68
Furniture	453 51
School Requisites	11 56
Rent	215
Commencement Expenses	5 17
Lights and Fuel	87 31
Cleaning	42 17
Interest	96 25

Expenses of Treasury.....	144 23	
Sundries	342 65	
Amount of Expenditures.....		7,643 81
Amount of Receipts.....		4,663 46
Deficiency		2,980 35
Former Deficiency.....		1,669 38
Total Deficiency.....		$4,649 73

This deficiency will be increased at least one thousand dollars by the excess of liabilities above dues from fees and endowment interest.

VII. REQUISITES.

1. *Buildings.*—About seven hundred and fifty dollars were expended last summer on the General Hall, subscribed for the purpose by the three congregations of Holland.

The Gymnasium was converted into a chapel, but as the work was not entirely finished when the fire came, and as the building has been needed all winter for relief storage and distribution, it is not yet ready for its new purpose.

A second story was added to one of the lecture buildings, for requisite accommodations for the library, and it is also used for a Council room.

Additional conveniences were furnished for the Laboratory, and other needed improvements were made on the premises. Not only did the fire arrest the work, but it also interfered with the methods proposed for obtaining the necessary means.

2. *Library.*—Two hundred and fifty volumes have been presented by Dr. Thomas De Witt—a selection from his own library—for which additional token of the fervent interest which he has always manifested in the Institution, your Council tender to him their warmest thanks.

One hundred and eight volumes also have been presented by Mrs. Maria Snyder, from the library of her late husband, Rev. Henry Snyder, of Amsterdam. N. Y. The Council have returned to the donor their sincere thanks.

Dr. Phelps has paid into the Treasury the following cash donations for the Library, of which only a part has yet been expended:

S. B. and J. L. Schieffelin	$200	
Church of Athens, N. Y.	7 47	
Chapel of Lyonsville	7 53	
		$215

3. *Publications.*—Mr. Wm. A. Hall, of Hastings-upon-Hudson, has, in addition to his former liberality to the endowment, given a thousand dollars for securing a new and beautiful printing press for the publication department; and *De Hope*, under the editorial supervision of Rev. C. Van Der Veen, has entered on a new series, enlarged and improved.

The Council heartily endorse the acknowledgments to Mr. Hall, which have already appeared in *De Hope*.

VIII. PARTICULARIA.

In consequence of the repairs which the buildings were undergoing, the opening of the school year was deferred until the *fourth* Wednesday of September, 1871. A suspension of all the exercises during one week in October, was rendered necessary by the fire.

Rev. R. Pieters has continued his instruction to the academic students, in the Heidelberg Catechism.

Out of the generous benefactions of our churches for relief at Holland City, the Local Relief Committee apportioned a thousand dollars for losses in connection with the College, which sum was distributed as follows:

For debts and new expenses on one of the college buildings for a temporary residence for Prof. Scott, who had lost his dwelling (not included in expenses of Contingent Fund)	$792 09
For lumber burned " " "	50
For meeting in part, dues of sufferers by fire, to College, for endowment interest, included in the whole sum for endowment interest, reported in the Contingent Fund	157 91
	$1,000

The Institution has been called to mourn the loss of one of its graduates, William Visscher, under circumstances peculiarly afflictive. Mr. Visscher having pursued his entire course, preparatory, collegiate and theological, at Hope College, in accordance with his previous intentions, began a medical course at the Albany Medical College, for the purpose of qualifying himself still farther for labor in the foreign missionary field. But after six months of diligent and successful study in Albany and New York, he was suddenly cut off by disease in the midst of his strength and promise. The Master has seen fit to disappoint all our hopes for his future usefulness on earth, and has called him early to higher service. We trust that his example of laborious and self-denying study to obtain the simplest preparation for that life-work to which he had fully consecrated himself, may be emulated by many others.

In the Minutes of Synod for 1871, at the foot of page 305, the term during which the members of Council are to hold office, does not appear. In order to correspond to the Synodical plan (see page 299, section 4, *Term of Office*) the section 5 on page 305, should read as follows:

"The members chosen from the Classes *are severally to hold office for eight years*, and are to be divided into four parties or sections," etc.

The last Synod omitted to make the annual appointments for the Council of Hope College, and the Council filled the vacancies by re-appointing the former incumbents as follows: For Classis of Michigan, Elder B. Ledeboer; for Classis of Illinois, Elder L. S. Viele; for Classis of Holland, Elder H. O. Yntema; for Classis of Wisconsin, Elder A. De Roo, who had been nominated by said Classis; for Classis of Grand River, Rev. C. Van Der Meulen.

As the number of vacancies is unusually large, and as confusion has arisen in consequence of the change of the term of office from four to eight years, the Council respectfully recommend that the Synod request the Classes at their first ensuing meeting to designate, by lot or otherwise, which of their representatives shall remain members of Council until 1874, 1876, 1878 and 1780; and that in the failure of any Classis to do so, the Council shall be authorized to make such designation.

The Board of Education voted for salaries, during the year ending April 30, 1872, $400 per month, with the interest of endow-

longed.

The preceding Report was unanimously adopted by the Council, and ordered to be sent to the General Synod, with copies to the Board of Education, and the Particular Synod of Chicago.

ABEL T. STEWART, *Secretary.*

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

HOLLAND, Mich., May 22d, 1872.

A special meeting of the Council was held pursuant to a call issued on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The meeting continued in session from 3 P. M. Wendesday, till 12 M. Saturday. The following members were present:

Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, Rev. A. Kriekaard, Elder K. Brouwer, Rev. S. Bolks, Rev. James Demarest, Rev. A. Thompson, Rev. J. W. Beardslee, Rev. A. T. Stewart, Rev. C. Van Der Veen, Elder Ledeboer, Rev. Charles Scott and Rev. Philip Phelps.

Important business was considered, but left in an unfinished state. The following statement with reference to the finances was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be sent to the General Synod, with a copy to the Board of Education in place of the special communication directed at the April meeting.

The treasury of the Institution cannot sustain any longer the excess of expenditure over income. It is compelled to pay $3,500 per annum for salaries of teachers; and this is the lowest amount together with present appropriations from the Board of Education for which the Institution can be well conducted. We therefore recommend that the Council be authorized to secure in the bounds of the Synod of Chicago, a permanent fund to be held by the Council, additional to the $30,000 donated by the General Synod.

In the prosecution of the endowment work, Dr. Phelps will be compelled to remove his family to the East. Since this may involve increased expense, and since the whole subject of endowment belongs directly to the General Synod, into whose treasury the moneys are to be paid, and the details ought to be under the control of the Board of Direction as the Synod's financial board, we recommend that the Endowment Agent receive an appointment and not a mere recommendation from the General Synod. If this be

done, and the Board of Direction make the arrangement for the payment of his salary, then the Board will be released from at least a portion of the appropriation which it has continued to make for salaries.

Every opportunity consistent with other important interests of the Institution, and that offered the slightest hope of success, has been seized by Dr. Phelps, to prosecute the work; and he is still ready, at the bidding of the Synod, to go forward.

Continued help will be needed from the Board of Education; and we earnestly trust that it will be granted. The appropriations of the Board have been absolutely indispensable in the past; and they are still highly necessary.

As stated in our Annual Report, the debt of the Contingent Fund is nearly six thousand dollars. At least three-fourths of this amount has been expended during the year, and remains in actual value and use on the premises in legal possession of the General Synod. As the debt is very pressing, we respectfully request the Synod to appropriate $6,000, from the Centennial Fund, for its payment.

Attested by ABEL T. STEWART, *Secretary.*

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

The Committee on the Professorate presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on the Professorate respectfully present the following Report upon the various matters referred to them:

I. THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT NEW BRUNSWICK.

From the Report of the Board of Superintendents, it appears that during the past year twenty-one students have been connected with the Theological Seminary; in the Senior class six; in the Middle class nine; and in the Junior class six.

Mr. Labaw, of the Middle class, has been absent, teaching, for three months, but returned for the review. His examination being satisfactory, he was permitted to go on with his class.

The Board recommend Aaron W. Benson, of the Junior class, for a dispensation, to allow him to go on with the next Middle class, and excusing him from the study of the Hebrew, except so far as his sight and health will permit.

Resolved, That the request be granted.

The Board express their gratification with the deportment and progress of the students in the several classes, and with the instruction which they have received.

Especial satisfaction is expressed with the arrangements for the temporary supply of the vacant chair by Professor Woodbridge, which has been filled with marked energy and success.

In connection with the widely lamented death of Prof. Berg, the Seminary has passed a year of trial, which a kind Providence has controlled and directed in a manifest "spirit of consecration, energy, and fidelity."

This General Synod heartily reiterates the language of the Board, "that our Seminary merits the confidence of the Church." As the daughter of the Church, she must have our affectionate faith and cordial support.

The Board also present the following resolution for our action, viz:

Resolved, That it be recommended to General Synod to rescind the rule requiring the Board to inquire whether the young men have preached in any of our churches while in the prosecution of their studies."

Your Committee recommend that the rule be rescinded, it being understood to refer only to the *inquiry* to be made by the Board.

II. THE PETER HERTZOG THEOLOGICAL HALL.

The Committee on the Hertzog Hall, and also the Board of Superintendents, adopt the report of the Faculty on "the happy results of the present system of management in Hertzog Hall, under the rectorship of Rev. Peter J. Quick, and request that it may be put on a permanent footing."

On this subject a communication has also been referred to this Committee from the Classis of Bergen, implying dissatisfaction on the part of some of the students, and asking the intervention of General Synod to have the difficulties rectified.

This is a matter of considerable importance to the welfare of our Seminary. The design of Hertzog Hall contemplated a cheap and comfortable home for our students preparing for the ministry, where they may enjoy a refined social and Christian intercourse. These

ends should be carefully sought, as far as possible meeting the reasonable wishes and necessities of the students.

Your Committee, believing that there is some ground for the complaints preferred, would earnestly recommend to General Synod the following action, viz:

Resolved, That the grievances complained of be referred to the Standing Committee on Hertzog Hall for immediate attention, and also to the Board of Superintendents of the Seminary for more careful inquiry and supervision, with a view to an effectual remedy of any present wrongs, if such are found to exist in the management of the Hall.

Resolved, That all such complaints touching the management of the Hall should be made hereafter directly to the Committee on Hertzog Hall, as the party having immediate jurisdiction.

Your Committee are pleased to refer to the continued improvements going forward on the property of the Seminary. The professorial residences have been put in complete order. The "James Suydam Hall" will probably be finished by the coming autumn. The "Gardner A. Sage Library" will soon be begun, and when completed will be a noble accession to our Seminary buildings, both for the security and the hopeful increase of the library, which will now compare favorably with those of other institutions.

In this connectition the Committee would state that the remaining volumes (850) of the library bequeathed by the late Rev. Dr. Bethune, have been arranged according to his will, and would gratefully acknowledge the gift from Mrs. Bethune of a marble bust of her late husband, she herself having since died. The Committee also notice with pleasure the gift of an antique marble slab, with a Greek uncial inscription, by Rear-Admiral Charles S. Boggs, U. S. Navy.

From the report of the Treasurer it appears that the receipts during the year for all purposes have been $4,726.28, and the expenditures $5,453.26, leaving a balance due the Treasurer of $726.98.

Your Committee suggest that the Committee on Hertzog Hall seek to increase the endowment of the Seminary, either by continuing the efficient services of the financial agent, Rev. Dr. Cornell, to whom the Synod are grateful for the labors of another year, or by any other means they may elect.

viz:

Resolved, That the expenditures of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall by the Committee of Synod, having the same in charge, shall not in any case exceed the amount of funds actually collected." (Vol. IX., p. 215.)

III. RECONSTRUCTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

There has been referred to your Committee that portion of the Report of the Special Committee on the vacant Professorship, relating to the reconstruction of the Board of Superintendents of our Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

It is not necessary to rehearse the particulars of the Report, as they are before the Synod. Your Committee are impressed with the value of the recommendations made. The only vital change proposed is the introduction of the lay element. This seems to be desirable. It accords with the spirit and the fact of our form of government in the Consistory and the Synods of our Church, where we recognize the weighty influence of our ruling Eldership. It seems to be reasonable that a like representation should be extended to the management of our Seminary.

To this your Committee can find no serious objection. Indeed, this plan has already been wisely begun by the General Synod, in the existence of the "Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall."

The earnest and useful work of this Committee for the past two years adds no little strength to the argument for the measure proposed. It is mainly an enlargement of the plan in the consolidation of the Hertzog Hall Committee with the Board of Superintendents. If this be done, it will be readily seen that a wider and deeper influence will be awakened among the membership of our churches.

This, we regard as a matter of primary importance, in order to place our beloved Institution upon a broader financial basis, and also to increase the number of its students.

Our Seminary should be brought to the heart of the Church. Then we shall have occasion to bless the God of the "School of the Prophets," in our mutual congratulations over its surprising

prosperity. And here we may add the language of the Report, that "the experience of other theological institutions justifies this anticipation."

Your Committee, therefore, regard the proposed change with favor, and concur with the plan with two exceptions. They recommend for adoption the following, viz:

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee relating to the reconstruction of the Board of Superintendents of our Theological Seminary at New Brunswick be adopted, with the proviso that, in order to equalize, as far as possible, the representation of all parts of the Church, there shall not be more than one delegate from any Classis at one time; also, that the Particular Synod of Chicago shall be represented by one delegate.

Resolved, That the Particular Synods, at their next annual meeting, take measures to carry out the recommendations of the Report.

IV. HOPE COLLEGE.

From the Annual Report of the Council it appears that there have been in the Institution during the year seventy-two students. Of these there have been in the

Theological Department		8
Academic	"	20
Preparatory	"	44

The usual studies have been pursued, and the ordinary examinations have attested the ability and success of the instructors. The deportment and attention to duty of the students are reported as satisfactory. From the Theological department two students have graduated, and will at once begin to return to the Church, by their labors in the ministry, the first fruits of her efforts to establish this source of supply of laborers for our Western field.

During the year, and occurring early in its course, the disastrous fires of October, already familiar to the Church, have materially hindered the progress of the College. By the necessary hindrance of the labors of Dr. Phelps in his work for the endowment, the additions to its pecuniary resources anticipated from his efforts have not been realized. By the destruction of the means of many parents whose sons were students, the number has been somewhat decreased. The year, under these circumstances, may be re-

garded as one of success in its work, calling for our grateful recognition.

The statement of Council represents that the amount received has been	$2,805 33
The Council also presents a statement of expenses incurred for the past two years.....	569 88
Special contributions to defray these have been received from various parties, amounting to	450 33
Leaving a deficiency.....	$119 55

Your Committee recommend that the Treasurer of General Synod be authorized to pay this amount, and charge it to the Endowment Fund.

From the statement of the Contingent Fund, it appears that there have been contributed by various parties	$4,663 46
The expenditures have been.....	7,643 81
Leaving a deficiency for this year of.....	$2,980 35
Add to this deficiency previously existing.....	1,689 38
Deficiency now existing	$4,649 73

As about three-fourths of this deficiency has been expended on repairs and enlargement of buildings already belonging to Synod, your Committee recommend that the Treasurer of General Synod be authorized to pay this amount from any funds that may be collected for the purpose, and in any proportion as such funds may be received.

Mention is made of donations to the library and other needs of the Institution by various parties, some of whom have from the beginning been fast and liberal friends. As the Report itself will be printed in the Minutes of Synod, and the particulars of these donations, with the names of the donors, are specifically mentioned, your Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are tendered to the donors mentioned in the Report of the Council, for their kind benefactions.

Resolved, That their example be commended to others in our churches interested in the institutions of the Church, with the

supplied by them.

Attention is called to an omission of a clause in the printed Minutes of last year (see Min. 1871, p. 305, sec. 5), which was in the original paper adopted by Synod, and omitted in printing by inadvertence.

Your Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That the 5th section of the 7th article of the Constitution of Hope College, approved by Synod last year, be altered, so as to read:

"The members chosen from the Classes are severally to hold office for eight years, and are to be divided into four parties or sections, so that one-fourth of the whole number may go out of office every two years."

An omission of action by the last Synod is also noticed in regard to appointments of members of Council. Council was compelled to assume the responsibility of re-appointing the former incumbents.

Your Committee recommend that the action of Council in re-appointing these members be approved.

We also recommend that the Classes at their first meeting after the session of Synod designate which of their representatives shall remain members of Council until 1874, 1876, 1878 and 1880 respectively, and that in event of failure of any Classis to do so, the Council is authorized to make such designation.

With reference to the amount of aid to be given by the Board of Education, your Committee recommend no definite amount, but leave it to be filled by the judgment of the Board.

With reference to the suggestion of Council, authorizing them to secure a permanent fund to be held by the Council, additional to the $30,000 donated by General Synod, and held by them, your Committee do not see the need of any special action.

If donors see fit to make donations to be so held, your Committee know of no objection. If any prefer to have their donations passed to the Fund now held by General Synod, the interest of such funds will always be paid, as received, to the Council, for the use of the College.

The Report of the Council proposes that the Endowment Agent receive an appointment, and not a mere recommendation from Synod.

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We see nothing to be gained by such an appointment. The success of the effort depends upon so many other things besides such a technicality, and the recommendation of Synod is, after all, so much the ground of confidence for donors, that your Committee feel that this is all the case requires. Inasmuch, however, as the funds collected by him are to be paid into the treasury of Synod, to be held in trust for the College, your Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That this Synod express the fullest conviction of the importance to the Church of the endowment of Hope College in all its departments.

Resolved, That the President of the College be commended to the sympathy and liberality of the churches, and especially our wealthy members, in whatever form he may find it advisable to make his application to them.

Resolved, That as the funds collected for this object pass into the treasury of Synod, as a trust for the use of the Institution, the Board of Direction be requested to receive from him such contributions as he may receive, audit his accounts for this object, and allow such bills of expenses as they may approve, and charge the same to the principal of these funds.

Your Committee also recommend that the endowment of Hope College be placed upon the objects of the Centennial Fund, with the earnest request that it may be liberally remembered by our people in their contributions for this fund.

The following resolution of this General Synod has been referred to your Committee, viz:

"*Resolved*, That the volumes donated by the Rev. H. Vedder and Mrs. Joseph A. Collier, referred to in the Minutes of 1870, page 116, be transferred to the Theological department of Hope College, according to the design of the donors."

The mistake here implied has arisen merely from inadvertence. and your Committee recommend that the matter be referred to the Council of Hope College, directing that body to comply with the wishes of the donors.

In regard to the communication from Prof. C. E. Crispell, suggesting that the Professorship at Hope College be called "The Huguenot Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College," your Committee advise a postponement of action,

included by the last General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee, GEO. J. VA
JOHN GAR
JOHN L. SE
R. H. PRUY
J. W. FERD

The Synod proceeded to fill vacancies in
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The following having been nominated by t
they were appointed by Synod:

Rev. W. H. Ballagh, for	Classis of Al	
" Henry W. F. Jones,	South Classis	
" A. J. Hageman,	Classis of Mo	
" E. P. Terhune,	"	Ne
" John Gaston,	"	Pa
" John N. Jansen,	"	Pa
" P. Stryker Talmage,	"	Phi
" Robert Van Amburgh,	"	Ra
" J. A. De Baun,	"	Sch
" H. N. Cobb,	"	Po
" Jacob C. Dutcher,	"	Ne
" David Sutphen,	South Classi	

The Committee on Nominations having r
ber of persons from whom to choose memb
have not sent nominations, the following we

Rev. John S. Himrod, for	Classis of
" E. S. Porter,	North Cla
" M. L. Berger,	Classis of
" M. S. Hutton,	South Clas
" A. T. Stewart,	Classis of

THE VACANT PROFESSORS

The Special Committee on the vacant Pro
the fall session, presented the following Rep
The first part relating to the Seminary was a
relating to the re-organizing of the Board o
referred to the Committee on the Professora

[redacted]

The Committee appointed by the last General Synod to act in relation to the vacant Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Seminary at New Brunswick, New Jersey, respectfully report the following:

DECLINATURE OF PROFESSOR SHEDD.

After repeated interviews and mature deliberation. the Rev. Dr. William G. T. Shedd finally declined the Chair to which he had been elected, for reasons which are stated in his letter, accompanying this Report.

Deeply regretting the disappointment, while yielding to the high motives which constrained the Professor elect to this decision, your Committee then proceeded, in accordance with their instructions "to make provision till the meeting of the General Synod for filling the vacant Chair."

APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR WOODBRIDGE.

It was deemed advisable that the duties of this Chair should be discharged during the vacancy by one of the existing faculty, rather than to go outside of the institution, or to confide them to two or more instructors.

The work was therefore intrusted to the Senior Professor, the Rev. S. M. Woodbridge, D.D., who, in addition to his own Chair of Ecclesiastical History, has performed this extra service to the satisfaction of his pupils and of this Committee.

For the relief of the Professor and students, the analysis of his whole course of lectures has been printed from week to week for the use of the Middle and Senior Classes. Believing that the emergency justified the expense ($350) and without making it a precedent for future cases, the Committee have included this amount in the full sum of one thousand dollars, which under their authority "to make provision for filling the vacant Chair," they have directed to be paid to Dr. Woodbridge as compensation for his extra labors, and for all expenses incurred by him in their discharge.

SPECIAL COURSE OF LECTURES.

To lend additional interest to the course of instruction and as supplementary to the regular studies of the institution, arrangements were made for a course of twelve lectures to be publicly delivered in the Chapel of the Theological Hall, from week to week, before

lectures were given by each of the following clergymen upon the subjects designated by the Committee, viz:

Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D.D., on Inspiration.

Rev. William Ormiston, D.D., on Miracles.

Rev. William J. R. Taylor, D.D., on The Person of Christ.

Rev. Hervey D. Ganse, on Sacrifice.

Rev. Rufus W. Olark, D.D., on Naturalism.

Rev. Abraham B. Van Zandt, D.D., on Divine Sovereignty and Election.

The course began early in January, and closed at the end of March.

The interest awakened by these lectures prompts your Committee to *recommend* that suitable provision be made for a course to be delivered annually, either by a single lecturer in an extended discussion, or by several persons, upon some of the living religious questions of the times. The permanent endowment of such a Lectureship invites the liberality of those who may thus perpetuate their best influence in the School of the Prophets, and strengthen its power against the ever-changing forms of scientific and popular unbelief.

STATE OF THE SEMINARY.

Several meetings of the Committee have been devoted to the condition of the Theological Seminary, with a special view to the last resolution relating to our duties, which require "said Committee to report to the next General Synod their action, with such recommendations as in their judgment will promote the best interests of the Theological Seminary, and the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom."

In the performance of this duty the attention of the General Synod is earnestly solicited to the small number of students in our theological institutions, and to the decrease during the last decade. While our Church has grown much larger, we have not now as many young men in both of our Theological Seminaries as there were in the only one which existed ten years ago.

Without imputing blame either to the Seminaries or to the Churches, the broad fact of this serious diminution in the number of students challenges the most careful consideration of its causes, consequences and remedies.

The supply is by no means equal to the demand. Our four hundred and sixty-seven churches have had but thirty young men in the two Seminaries during the past year, which gives an average of only one student to about sixteen churches and to nineteen hundred and twenty-three communicants. Account for it as we may, the sad truth exists. So far as the churches are concerned, there is small comfort to be found in the acknowledged fact that this decrease has been epidemic in most other denominations throughout our land, for our own proportionate decrease is greater than theirs.

It remains to be seen whether any thing is lacking in the equipment, internal economy, or resources of our Theological institutions. If there be, the remedy should be wisely adapted to secure their highest usefulness. Without discussing this subject, your Committee believe that the system of instruction in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, to which their action is limited, should be expanded as soon as possible to the greatest completeness. The number of departments should be increased by the addition of at least one new chair, and the whole scheme of instruction should aim at the broadest and most thorough theological culture, so as to make its advantages equal to the best institutions of the land.

We, therefore, *recommend* that suitable measures be taken by this General Synod for the foundation of a Fifth Professorship, which shall be devoted to the science of Christian Apologetics.

THE VACANT PROFESSORSHIP.

Your Committee are not prepared to recommend any candidate for the Chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology. But they venture to express their anxiety that the utmost care shall be exercised in filling the vacancies in our theological professorships, so as to secure the services of men of established ability and reputation for these sacred offices. With enlarged pecuniary endowments, new, spacious, and elegant edifices now in progress, an admirable library, improved domestic arrangements in the Hall, and other permanent and recent advantages, it now seems only necessary so to increase the professorial corps that the Seminary shall offer every reasonable attraction to the prospective ministry of our Church, to prefer its own institutions to all others.

ENDOWMENTS.

No additional endowments have been received by the Committee,

purposes, contingent only upon the action of the Synod in fillir the vacant chair, and in establishing a new professorship.

BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

It is also *recommended* that the Constitution of the Board of S perintendents be so altered as to embrace laymen, and to reduce tl number of its members. In the opinion of your Committee the ef ciency of the Board will be greatly enhanced by removing the non nation from the Classes, to the Particular Synods of New Yor Albany and New Brunswick, leaving the Particular Synod of Cl cago the same number of representatives in this Board which tl Eastern Synods now have in that of Hope College.

Should the Synod be pleased to alter the plan of organization the Board of Superintendents, it is recommended that it shall co sist of eight members from each of the three Particular Syno above named, one half of them to be laymen, or ruling Elders the Church; that they be divided into four classes, each consistir of two members, a minister and an elder, who shall serve for tl period of four years, to be nominated annually by each Particul Synod, for confirmation by the General Synod. This arrangeme would give more permanency to the Board, diminish its numbe without too great a reduction, preserve the spirit of the present sy tem of representation, only putting the powers of nomination in tl local Synods instead of the Classes, whose choice has too oft been accommodated to the personal wishes of their members; ar will be far more likely to give to the institution the benefit of tl best clerical and lay influences of the Classes. The experience other theological institutions justifies this anticipation.

The history of our own Standing Committee on the Peter Her zog Theological Hall, also enforces this recommendation. It is b lieved that all the functions of that Committee may be safely an profitably transferred to the Board of Superintendents, if it sha embrace the lay element, and that its efficiency will be increas by the proposed consolidation, when the term of office of the pre ent Standing Committee has expired. By that time it is expect that the projected improvements and new buildings which are their specific charge will be completed; and after that their separa

offices shall be merged into the proposed Board of Superintendents. The objections to the change appear slight to your Committee when contrasted with the advantages to be derived from its adoption. But time and the utmost deliberation should be given to avoid precipitate action, and to perfect any plan that may be adopted.

CONCLUSION.

Believing that He who has thus far guarded and guided our venerable School of the Prophets through the first long century of its life with His covenant favor, will still continue His blessings in answer to the faith and prayers of the Church, we now resign our trust to the "paramount authority" which conferred it, and we commit our action and recommendations to the wisdom and approval of the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. R. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

ELECTION OF PROFESSOR.

The Rev. Dr. Shedd having declined the Professorship of Didactic Theology, Synod proceeded, on the seventh day of the session, to make nominations by ballot, with a view to the election of a Professor, when a number of candidates were named

On the succeeding day, the Synod, after a season of special prayer, proceeded to the election of a Professor. On counting the ballots, it appeared that Rev. Abraham B. Van Zandt was elected.

Whereupon, it was

Resolved, Unanimously, that the Rev. Abraham B. Van Zandt, D.D., be, and hereby is, appointed Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America, at New Brunswick.

Resolved, That an instrument certifying the appointment, and specifying the duties of the office, be signed in the presence of the General Synod, by the President thereof, and by him given in the name of the Church, to the Professor elect.

Resolved, That the salary of the Professor elect be two thousand and eight hundred dollars, ($2.800), with a residence, and the addition of such a sum as will make the salary equal to the income derived from all the funds given to endow this Professorship.

Resolved, That the President be appointed to wait upon the Rev.

and Elder Robert H. Pruyn.

The Committee reported verbally that Rev. Dr. Van Zandt would appear and address the Synod on the following day, at 11 A. M.

On Thursday morning Rev. Dr. Van Zandt appeared before Synod, and signified his acceptance of the office to which he had been elected.

The following arrangements were made for the installation of the Professor elect, to take place on Tuesday, September 24th, at 11 o'clock, A. M., in the Second Reformed Church at New Brunswick.

To preside and preach the sermon, the President of Synod, Rev. J. Elmendorf, D.D., with Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, D.D., as his Secundus. To deliver the charge to the Professor, Rev. Charles H. Stitt, D.D.; Secundus, Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D.

Resolved, That the Elders Johnson Letson, Thomas Jessup, and Henry Bergen be a Committee to superintend the removal of Rev. Dr. Van Zandt, to New Brunswick, and that the Treasurer of the Board of Direction be instructed to pay the expenes of removal.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod congratulates our Churches upon the attitude in which our cherished Seminary at New Brunswick now stands before them.

The acknowledged ability, learning, and weight of character which distinguish the Professor elect, the tried and faithful services of the learned and able men with whom he is to be associated, and the hope clearly held out to the Synod of the endowment of an additional Professorship, promise to give to Hertzog Hall such eminence before our own and other Churches as it has never yet enjoyed.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The Fortieth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, in printed form, was received, and, together with written reports from Miss Mandeville and Miss Chapin, referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer was also received, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Fortieth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was received, and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer was also received, and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The state of our Foreign Missions, as set forth in the Report of the Board, is very gratifying. The older Missions are even more fruitful in conversions than our home churches.

The Japan Mission has at last succeeded in organizing a native church, contemporaneous with the removal of government restrictions upon the extension of Christianity among the native population. Reinforcements are asked for China and India to maintain this prosperity, whilst new and valuable openings are pressed upon the attention of the Mission.

The General Synod has, at previous sessions, directed the Board to go forward; and yet, in this state of things, and with this injunction the Board has been constrained to reduce its appropriation to the extent of $10,000, because the churches have failed to advance in their contributions with the authorized enlargement of the work. The contributions from the churches are but $5,000 in excess of those of the preceding year, and this excess fails to bring up the sum total of the receipts of this year to those of last year by

$5,000, owing to the diminution in the receipts from legacies and miscellaneous sources. The Board, in view of the debt, which now amounts to $33,000, was clearly confined to the step it has taken. But reduction, even if it does not prove disastrous, cripples and depresses the operations of the Mission, and is the reverse of the course we ought to take. A generous outlay for a few years, which secures vastly greater and more certain results now than the same outlay in the earlier history of the Missions, will establish the native churches and ministry in the missionary work, and relieve our home churches of undue pressure.

The attention of the General Synod is respectfully called to this emergency. Special and extraordinary measures are required to bring the churches, and even the pastors, up to a due sense of the gravity of the crisis, and especially to a practical recognition of the advanced position occupied by our Missions.

Your Committee know not what better to suggest than classical conventions, and a classical visitation of delinquent churches.

The family missionary boxes, according to the Report, having proved successful, not only in keeping constantly in the mind of families this great work of the Church, and in diffusing the missionary spirit among the children, but also in increasing the revenues of the Board, your Committee recommend that they be brought by the Board more generally to the notice of the pastors of the Church.

Your Committee, in anticipation of the success of the proposed measures for increasing the interest of the pastors and churches, and in view of the reasons assigned by the Board, the return of several of its missionaries, the insufficiency of the native agency, and that it is necessary for the maintainance of the existing operations, recommend that the request for reinforcements be granted

Your Committee, in conformity with the foregoing recommendations, offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Classes be requested to hold conventions in connection with their fall classical meetings in behalf of the Foreign Missions, and that they be requested to institute a visitation of delinquent churches in behalf of the same interest.

2. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of the Synod, a course of lectures upon Foreign Missions in the Theological Seminary will be

3. *Resolved*, That the Board have liberty to proceed to secure the reinforcements asked for.

4. *Resolved*, That the pastors be requested to secure the introduction of family missionary boxes in their churches.

5. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of the General Synod, the pastors will find the Sower and Gospel Field a valuable instrument in keeping alive the missionary interest in their congregations, and that they be requested to secure its more general diffusion among their people.

CHARLES E. HART, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Domestic Missions presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Domestic Missions beg leave to report:

The Board, at the close of its fourth decade, institutes a comparison between the feeble beginning in church extension, and the present expansion and resources of the denomination. And it certainly is ground for deep thankfulness that we have extended westward, from the Valley of the Mohawk; so that we have seventy-two churches, massed in five classes, constituting the Particular Synod of Chicago, where not very long ago we had not a single representative, and that the funds for sustaining the widening operations of the Board have risen in that interval from $5,000 to $35,478.01. It is also a history of the progress of opinions among us. We have outlived the prejudices which threatened to choke out the first efforts at enlargement; our machinery has become more simple and effective; and we have learned some practical lessons from failures, although we have not wholly overcome our timidity. We are still prone to use the argument of a proportionate growth, forgetting the fact that Presbyterians and Methodists had far more restricted and inauspicious beginnings than we. Conservatism is not the law of expansion. Proportionate growth is not a gauge for the advances of the kingdom of heaven. By that measure, we should to-day outnumber all other denominations, save the Episcopal. We must cast aside the fetters of such comparisons, and find out the Divine increase is given according to the measure of our union with Christ and life in Him. Nevertheless, it has been a progressive period. There are signs of life in the fact that we have grown, and

enlargement. Let us mark the hopeful features in the present Report of the Board.

First, the direct contributions of the Churches and of the Sabbath Schools, as well as individuals, have increased; that shows an augmenting interest in our own prosperity.

Nevertheless, only 286, out of our 500 Churches, have helped to meet these obligations, a negligence that speaks badly for the consciences of members, worse for the fidelity of their office-bearers, to the federal duties of the Church. The sad embroilments to which legacies continually lead their recipients, should caution us all against any dependence upon them. and especially against any substitution of them, for the living gifts of the Lord's people.

Secondly. Look, too, at the number received on confession by the Churches, under the care of the Board; they amount to 619, which represents over one third of the whole gain of the denomination during the past year. Especially noticeable is the spiritual vitality of our Missionary Synod. The gain of the Particular Synod of Chicago, during the year, has amounted to 398, while the aggregate of the three Eastern Synods is only 1,336; thus the growth of that Synod is over six per cent., while that of the three Eastern Synods, with all their Churches and ecclesiastical appointments, is but a shade over two per cent Is there not herein a sign of profound spiritual life, and of Divine-blessing upon the sowing and reaping of these brethren beloved, who give the labor of strong hands and full hearts to their Master? Does not that ever-expanding region offer to us a field where inadequate resources shall yield richer fruitage than the well-watered and cultured East? Does not God say to us in this fact: "Throw your energies into that boundless field, and your harvest shall be as abundant as are the garnerings of the husbandmen from the native soil." It is a law of missions that the Church should work *where work tells.* And surely it is something that the Particular Synod of Chicago brings back to our general treasury the sum of $23,714.60; that in a year of disasters there has been an increase of $5,117 in benevolent contributions. This, with what they raise for congregational purposes (reaching in 1872 to $80,094.03), is far beyond what we expend for their support; we may argue, then, that every judicious enterprise in that direction must prove of financial value to the denomination.

In that these things are the direct results of grace and the solid fruit of the Spirit, we may indeed be grateful for this past history, and hopeful of at least a corresponding augmentation in the future.

But here the necessities of the Board press upon us. First, we notice that the Board has hitherto had no Security Fund, and we call attention to its present indebtedness, $22,603.26. Evidently there is no Board so dependent upon the contributions of the Churches. Now, it has for a long while seemed an anomaly to us, that where a denomination, through a synodical action, has organized a Board to carry on a specific work, and where that Board has entered upon equally specific duties, has created Churches and called missionaries, and pledged itself to pay, that such an agency should be without funds, that it should incur such obligations, and yet be left without money to meet the debts which the whole Church has instructed it to incur. It seems curious to us that we should classify sums so raised under the caption of benevolence, when they partake of the nature of a moral obligation.

Brethren, these are obligations, not gifts. You have planted Churches, you have promised help, you have sent out missionaries; and just so far as you have made a pledge, do your payments become moral obligations.

It is a manifest injustice to expect the Board to undertake new enterprises, when it cannot sustain the old, and when it is without a single guarantee for the future. We, therefore, recommend that the Board take steps toward raising a necessary Security Fund, of at least $20,000.

We would also recommend that Missionary boxes, similar to those used by the the Foreign Board, be distributed by the Board of Domestic Missions, at their discretion..

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

We notice with gratification, the hold that this Fund is securing upon the heart of our membership. Although all that was proposed in the Centennial has not been realized, yet that movement has enriched it considerably, and the very prominence given to its endowment, has helped to educate our people in its necessity and utility. Six new churches have been organized, and thirteen are already approaching completion. A peculiar feature has been the erection of churches, and provision for the support of the Pastors, by the con-

church extension in general, we would recommend: 1st. The continuance of Rev. Edward P. Livingston in his present position, until the Fund reach the amount proposed in the Centennial. 2d. We notice in the Report a most excellent suggestion, as follows:

"The Board would respectfully ask of the General Synod whether it is not possible to secure in every Classis the appointment of a standing committee on Church Extension, with liberal powers, who shall be charged with the duty of forming new organizations within the bounds of Classis, and have the oversight of all church property when Classis is not in session, and who shall receive and act upon all applications for aid from Churches needing assistance, prior to the meeting of Classis?

Your Board feels that it would be a great advantage to be in correspondence with energetic committees having the same general objects in view, and that great irregularities in regard to church property, and undue haste in recommendations to the Board for aid, would be avoided, and many new enterprises, now so frequently lost to us, would be secured."

There are many local and personal reasons which operate against the proper and timely occupation of excellent posts, and which keep many of our older Churches in a state of most unhealthy undergrowth. The late complications with regard to church property, show how necessary it is to have some immediate and personal power, other than the Classis.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the various Classes of our Church to add to their present standing committees, a committee to be entitled Committee on Church Extension, whose duty shall be carefully to overlook the whole field, initiate measures for the organization of new churches within the bounds of the Classes, and have the oversight of all church property when Classis is not in session, and who shall receive and act upon all applications for aid from churches needing assistance, prior to the meeting of Classes.

And at the same time, the reserve authority which the Constitution gives the Classes would always be a sufficient check upon undue or hasty action on the part of such a committee.

III. THE SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

The reports of the Synods of New York, Albany and New Brunswick, are very incomplete, owing to the neglect of ministers to re-

ply to the circular of the Corresponding Secretary. Those of the Particular Synod of Chicago are very minute and exact, owing to the carefulness of the Western Missionary Sunday School Superintendent. Under so precise an administration these Sunday schools must prove of the utmost value to our expansion.

We recommend that the Board prepare tables similar to those submitted by the Western Missionary Sunday School Superintendent, and that the Corresponding Secretary gather the statistics, and embody them in his annual Report.

In conclusion, we recommend that the Constitution of the Board be so amended as to conform to an act of the Legislature of New York, entitled, "An Act in relation to Trustees and Directors of Charitable and Benevolent Institutions."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. D. HARTRANFT, *Chairman.*

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Foreign Missions:—Revs. Wm. H. Steele, A. R. Thompson, John McC. Holmes, Wm. R Duryee, Theo. B. Romeyn, Messrs. Sanford Cobb, A. V. W. Van Vechten, J. B. Brinsmade.

The following were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Domestic Missions:

Revs. Isaac Riley, R. H. Steele, Edward P. Ingersoll, E. W. Bentley, Messrs. John W. Ferdon, Robert H. Pruyn, John P Hardenbergh, John Lyon. To serve an unexpired term of two years: Rev. Henry E. Decker.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Government in relation to the rights and privileges of our missionaries in Japan, made a verbal report through Elder Robert H. Pruyn, which was accepted and approved.

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' AND DISABLED MINISTERS' FUNDS.

Applications for aid from the Disabled Ministers' Fund were received, and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

The Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds would respectfully present the following Report:

They have examined the Disabled Ministers' Fund, the Widows' Fund, and the Widows' Fund Income, in account with the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

From the statements of the Treasurer of General Synod, as made in the Disabled Ministers' Fund account, we find that the balance on hand on the 1st day of May, 1871, was... $2,091 72

The amount received during the past year was..... 1,778 10

$3,869 82

From this sum there have been paid appropriations made by General Synod..... $1,800

$2,069 82

It will be seen that no applications for aid from this Fund have been received by this Committee, for the reason that the last General Synod directed that all such applications be sent directly to the Board of Direction.

From the Treasurer's Report on the Widows' Fund, the following statements are made:

Balance from last account.....		$32,700 32
Received during the year		1,815 58
		$34,515 90
From the Widows' Fund Income we find a balance on hand May 1, 1871.....		$1,087 64
Received during the year for annuitants.....		284 20
Interest		2,246 08
		$3,617 92
Paid for annuity	$1,920 88	
Management	256 21	
Deduct 3 per cent. on $3,166.66 for principal Fund.....	95	
		2,272 09
Balance.....		$1,345 83

These two Funds are of a kindred nature, both looking to the relief of those most worthy of consideration.

From the days of the Apostles, as even in their day, with but

few exceptions, the office of the Christian ministry has been far from a lucrative calling. And whilst in the providence of God, this fact has relieved the sacred office from the temptation to assume its responsibilities for the mere object of worldly gain, it has also left many a faithful servant of Christ and his family in a condition of want, which the Church has not always supplied.

Who can tell the hours of sadness, and sorrow, and suffering which many a worthy minister has experienced, in view of the fact that when, through infirmity or age, he could no longer discharge the active duties of the Christian ministry, he should be without adequate means of support for himself and family.

The Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds are intended to meet, to some extent at least, these exigencies.

Your Committee would most earnestly reiterate the former resolutions and recommendations of General Synod on these subjects, as found more particularly in section 2, chap. 8, of the Digest, and would most heartily commend them to the favorable consideration of this General Synod, and to all our Churches.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. VAN VRANKEN,

Chairman.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The Eighteenth Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Publication would respectfully report, that they have received the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Board, and also the Report of the Treasurer for the year ending May 1st, 1872.

The Report speaks of a successful year in the past, and an encouraging prospect for the future.

The death of Mr. William T. Runk, of New York City, one of the members of the Board, and a generous contributor to its funds, is suitably noticed.

The Treasurer's Report shows that there has been received during the year from Churches, Sabbath-schools, and individuals, $10,133-05, of which amount $3,522.51 has been added to the Permanent Fund, making the same at this time $16,156.84. And while the sum received is somewhat less than last year's income, reliable subscriptions and pledges made within the year, give an increase in the aggregate of $500.

The Board has published during the year, besides its own Report, and the Minutes of General Synod, of new volumes, as follows: two volumes 18mo, 1,000 copies each; three volumes 16mo, 2,000 copies of one, and 1,000 of the other; and one volume 24mo, 1,000 copies, making in all, of new publications, 6,000 volumes. Of reprints of former editions, they have issued six editions of bound volumes in 7,500 copies, 6,000 catechisms, 4,000 tracts 18mo, and 18,000 of 12mo, making in all 13,500 volumes, 6,000 catechisms, and 22,000 tracts.

The sales from May 1st, 1871, to May 1st, 1872, amounted to $15,143.79.

The grants have been $1,215.82, of which $740.31 have been given to the foreign field.

The cash balance is reported at $3,059.95, and after deducting $1,000 for depreciation in stock, the increase is $3,552.37 over last year's statement.

The "Sower and Gospel Field," so cordially recommended by the General Synod as an organ of communication between the Board and the Churches, has been issued semi-monthly in editions of over 9,500 each; the receipts for which have been $3,893.51. It is to be regretted that there is a necessity for adding that the expenses have exceeded the receipts by $1,526.88. The Committee refer to this, not to discourage further issues of the Paper, but, on the other hand, considering it a most valuable auxiliary of the Board, as well as faithful messenger to the Churches, would recommend its continuance, even if the cost should equal, or even exceed that of the past year. It is not too much money for the Church to pay for the amount of gospel truth sent to the homes of those whose means will not admit of their taking more expensive papers, and who prize them none the less because they are small.

Your Committee believe that the "Sower and Gospel Field" is doing a blessed work outside of what it does in informing the Churches and friends of Christ's kingdom of the wants of the Board. Just what the Committee have in view is to remind the Churches of the importance of giving the Paper as wide a circulation as possible, that the two-fold good may be accomplished of more widely circulating precious gospel truth, and of having a good balance on the other side. Fifteen thousand subscribers would nearly, if not quite, pay all the expenses of this issue.

For the same reason, the Committee would recommend a liberal support for the Board in its general work. It has a work that it can do, and will do it most cheaply when fully supplied with means. That power which not only supplements but multiplies the voice of the living teacher, and bears the gospel message where the living voice reaches not, can no more be ignored as an element of church life and growth than of our common Christian civilization. Every denomination of Christians in our land is coming to act on this principle.

While the markets abound in good Christian literature, and the general societies are prolific in these issues, every church that will count on a future must have a literature begotten in the hearts of her own people, and addressed to their forms of belief, and modes of thought as well. Nor need we assume that such an institution must needs be a burden too heavy for the Church to bear. Only let it, as soon as possible, be made self-sustaining, and then, with the popular favor, and the full patronage of the Church, it may even become a source of profit, and this, too, while at reduced prices, it is meeting the wants of the Church.

The Board of Publication is the latest born of all our Boards, and was for a long time treated almost as one without an inheritance. The wonder was, not that it accomplished so little, but that it lived at all. Friends came to its aid—not with their gifts, but with a loan, a part of which is still unpaid, and rests as a burden on the Board. The plan of a permanent endowment was a later thought, which, though not yet completed, has, in the course of its progress, brought the Board nearer to a self-sustaining point than it has ever reached before. What yet seems to be needed is, that the endowment be perfected according to the original plan—that the Board be assisted in the payment of its funded debt, and last,

though not least, that it receives the favor and patronage of the Church in the sale of its publications. This was the purpose of the Board—that it supply the wants of the Church, and that in this it should find its strength and growth—not in its potentiality to do, but in the actuality of its doing. The relation of the Board to the Church would become simply that of giving and receiving mutual benefits.

To the furtherance of these ends, your Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be recommended to the Consistories, Sabbath-schools, and individuals of our Churches, as worthy of their patronage, both from the quality of their books on sale, and the prices at which they are sold.

Resolved, That contributions be solicited from Churches and benevolent individuals, on behalf of the Board, that the permanent endowment may be completed, and the general work of the Board promoted.

Resolved, That this General Synod recommend the "Sower and Gospel Field" as an organ of the Boards of the Church, and that earnest efforts be made by pastors, Consistories, and all concerned, to give it the widest possible circulation among the Churches.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. REILEY, *Chairman.*

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Publication:—Revs. Alex. R. Thompson, John Forsyth, Marshall B. Smith, William B. Merritt, Messrs. Thomas Jeremiah, David D. Smith, Thomas M. Gopsill.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The Van Benschoten Bequest was read.

Synod fixed the hours of meeting and adjournment as follows: Of meeting, at 9 o'clock A. M., and 2½ P. M. Of adjournment at 12 M., and 5½ P. M.

Rev. M. G. Hansen and Rev. A. V. Gulick were appointed tellers.

One hour was spent on the afternoon of the first day of the session in devotional exercises.

On the morning of each day's session, after the reading of the Minutes, a half hour was spent in devotional services.

On the afternoon of the second day of the session, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. The Adsessor presided, and read the form. The sermon was preached by Rev. C. D. Hartranft. Brief remarks, at the distribution of the elements, were made by Rev. John S. Dimrod, and Rev. W. H. Gleason. The following Elders assisted in the service:—Robert H. Pruyn, Samuel B. Schieffelin, John Lyon, and John Duncan.

Rev. John McC. Holmes, Henry Dater, and Elder Samuel B. Stewart were appointed a committee on devotional exercises.

On the evening of the third day of the session a meeting for devotional exercises was held under the direction of the President.

Resolved, That three hundred copies of the roll be printed for the use of the members.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of General Synod be authorized and directed to pay the expenses incurred by the Committee on the revision of the Constitution.

Resolved, That an evening session be held on Tuesday evening and thereafter on each evening during the session of the Synod.

Resolved, That this Synod highly appreciate the enterprise of the *Christian Intelligencer* in furnishing to the Synod a daily issue containing such ample reports of its proceedings; and that the Paper as conducted renders loyal and efficient aid in all our denominational work, and well deserves the general support of our people.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Pastor, Consistory, and Ladies, of the Church of Astoria, for the entertainment afforded us in our excursion to Astoria.

Resolved, That the Synod presents to Major General John Newton, Mr. G. C. Reitheimer, and Major Reeve, of the Government Works, at Hallett's Point, its thanks for the courtesy and attention of these gentlemen shown to the Synod, while inspecting the works under their charge.

After the election of Dr. Van Zandt as Professor, he was relieved from further service on the Committee on the Professorate. Rev. John L. See was added to the Committee.

Rev. D. K. Van Doren, J. H. Enders, and Josiah Markle, with the Elders John A. Van Vechten, and S. H. Conklin were appointed a committee to canvass the votes cast for members of the Boards.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider the feasibility of some plan by which a general fund shall be provided for the payment of the traveling expenses of all the delegates to Synod, and report to the next General Synod.

The following were appointed:—Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, William R. Duryee, and Elder John Duncan.

Resolved, That the Lemmata of the General Synod be referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, for the purpose of amendment, and that they report at the next General Synod.

ARTICLE XXII.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

A sermon, in behalf of the benevolent operations of the Church, was preached on the evening of the sixth day of the session, by the Rev. Rufus W. Clark, D.D., from Matthew x., 8: "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Rev. A. P. Gieson was chosen Primarius, and Rev. Joseph Kimball, Secundus, to preach the sermon on Benevolence, at the next stated session.

A resolution, referring to Systematic Beneficence, was adopted, and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. C. L. Wells, E. T. Corwin, Jacob West, and the Elders, S. B. Stewart, and Garret G. Bergen.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the memorial on the re-organization of the Benevolent Boards, presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Special Committee to which was referred the overture of the Classis of Newark, in favor of combining our Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions under one Secretary, and the remaining Boards under another, beg leave to report:

That they approached the consideration of this matter with many prepossessions in favor of the proposal. So many objections are made to our present extended system, and so much is now being said and done in other denominations in the direction of simplifying benevolent agencies, that your Committee had almost assumed that some considerable change in our own methods would be required at the hands of this Synod. Careful reflection, however, has convinced them that for our own Church, at this time, the advantage

to be derived from such change would be limited, and its risks incalculable. The advantage would be, first, the possible saving of some hundreds, at most of very few thousands, of dollars in the salaries of executive officers. The proposed plan—and your Committee could think of none better—would include two secretaries and a paid treasurer in place of four secretaries, the present treasurers receiving only expenses, and no salaries. Since clerk-hire, to some degree, at least, would have to be added to the salaries of these three officers, the saving of money could not be large. An additional advantage, however, might seem to lie in the approbation which the Church would accord to so popuiar a change. It might be inferred that the mere knowledge that our benevolent affairs were to be more economically administered would at once secure more generous gifts. Still your Committee have been compelled to consider that complaint of a charity for a defect in its method does not surely predicit perfect co-operation with such charity when the supposed defect is cured. Unquestionably many of the most liberal givers to our Boards share in the present desire for a simpler system of administration; with many others, perhaps, the preference would be found to have been largely an intellectual matter, so that the most approved change would not considerably affect their gifts.

On the other hand, your Committee are convinced that the evils which would attend the proposed alteration are both certain and great. They are sure that in our Church, and at this time, the funds that are indispensable to the work of our Boards could not be collected without the direct agency of secretaries. They know what admissions are involved in this conviction. It admits that our people will not do their duty toward their own charities unless they are constantly stimulated by reminders, and that the pastors cannot be trusted to supply that stimulus. There are denominations of which such a confession does not need to be made. The Methodists of our own country, the Presbyterians of Ireland, are examples of churches where the arrangements for systematic giving are effectual, if not complete—the several churches feeding the denominational churches as spontaneously as springs feed rivers. Your Committee consent to no lower idea of a dutiful church. But as yet only some of our springs know how to flow of themselves, and our secretaries must laboriously maintain their little separate

wells in the different congregations, and see that each is kept bailed down to the bottom. The evils of such a system are obvious and many. We hope for better things, trusting for God's blessing upon the efforts now making in our Church in favor of systematic beneficence. Meanwhile, however, in the interest of all our forms of church work, and especially of those self-denying servants of Christ in our missionary fields, whose very food depends upon the maintenance of our benevolent income, your Committee forbear to recommend any change in the constitution of the Boards.

Respectfully submitted.

H. D. GANSE, *Chairman.*

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Systematic Beneficence, presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

There is no question that this Synod can be asked to consider which requires more careful consideration than How shall *all* the people of the whole Church be reached, so that they shall be led, each in his own place and sphere, to bear a due proportion in the work of the Master, bringing the gospel into contact with the hearts and consciences of men? This, after all, is the true work of the Church in the world.

The resolution appointing your Committee directs them to examine into various plans of Systematic Benevolence that have been proposed, and that are in use throughout the Church of Christ. Of such systems, elaborated with care, involving more or less of machinery, there are, probably, a score or more.

It is evident that by no possibility could any committee give the attention to the subject which it demands during the short time afforded to us after our appointment.

One system only has come under our notice, through circulars sent to the members of the Synod. The system is termed the "Powell Revenue System," published by the Evangelical Press Association. From the hasty examination which your Committee have been able to give to this system, it seems to them to have much in it to commend it to the consideration of our Church. Full particulars can be learned, and the needed blanks procured, from the agent, 245 Bowery, New York City.

Your Committee do not venture to recommend any particular system at this time. It is a question whether any one system is adapted to all churches and localities. If the Synod deem it desirable that the whole subject ought to come under review by the Church, the Committee feel that it is necessary that sufficient time should be given them for ample consideration. If it is the pleasure of Synod to continue the Committee for a final report to the next General Synod, the investigation of the subject may serve to turn the attention of the Church toward it, so that some practical results may be secured.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. WELLS, *Chairman.*

The Committee on the Centennial Fund presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee appointed last year "to supervise, aid and counsel" the movement then begun, to raise a Centennial Fund of one million of dollars, hereby respectfully report to your venerable body.

Soon after the adjournment of the General Synod, your Committee met and organized by electing Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor, D.D., Corresponding Secretary, and Jno. A. Hardenbergh, Esq., Recording Secretary and Treasurer, who, together with the Chairman, were directed to act as a sub-committee of the whole. Committees in each of the four Particular Synods were also designated, and two vacancies on the Centennial Committee filled by the appointment of Saml. B. Stewart and Hon. John W. Ferdon.

Obedient to the directions contained in the plan of action, your Committee proceeded to issue, in succession, the following documents, viz:—1st. The plan of the General Synod. 2d. A circular letter, containing some suggestions to pastors and churches, respecting methods of co-operation. 3d. A tabulated form for subscriptions, together with a summary of the plan, prefixed. 4th. A memorial certificate, intended mainly for Sabbath-schools; and 5th. A schedule, to be filled by the Churches making reports to the Committees.

In addition to these mere formal documents, an extended private correspondence has been maintained by the members af the Committee, and particularly by the Corresponding Secretary, in which

information has been given to a large number of persons asking therefor.

So far as their time and other engagements would permit, the clerical members of your Committee have also addressed many conventions, classical or local, and rendered what service was in their power to brethren who solicited their aid.

All the Special Committees of the Particular Synods have acted with hearty energy in their respective spheres, in concert with pastors, and have largely contributed to the progress of the work.

While thus reporting in brief the course of procedure taken by your General and Particular Committees, it is proper to add that the Classes, Consistories, and pastors (with but few exceptions among officials last named), manifested from the beginning a sincere and earnest purpose to carry out the plan of the General Synod in all its details. Accordingly, memorial sermons were very generally preached in the pulpits of the denomination on the 15th of last October, and the people thus informed of the nature of the high undertaking upon which they were invited to enter.

So far as the information received by your Committee justifies their testimony, they can say of a truth that the people of the Reformed Church as with one mind, and that a ready one, accepted the Centennial plan of the General Synod, as recommendatory of a great duty, improved by a great occasion, in the progress of their venerable communion.

The Report of our Treasurer, herewith submitted in general outline, will afford gratification to your body, and furnish trustworthy proof of the willingness and ability of the Reformed Church to raise her Centennial Memorial Fund to a sum possibly exceeding the million of dollars proposed. That Report cannot, as yet, be rendered in detail, because the movement has acquired a momentum which cannot be safely arrested at this point. Your Committee have information of reports from Churches which could not now be made up in completeness, and of still other Churches wishing to make contributions to the Fund, provided that liberty of extended time be given them. Yet the amount now reported is so large as to justify the expectation that a whole year of special attention to this work will be crowned with success.

It will be remembered that the great conflagrations at the West occurred just when our Centennial year actually began, in October last. The voice of a great calamity awakened immediate and universal sympathy for the many thus precipitated into homeless poverty and distress. For a period of more than two months our Churches were engaged in providing relief for sufferers in the Western States. When that period had passed, an interval had to be allowed before prudent attempts could be made to enter zealously upon the execution of the Centennial plan.

The opinion has been commonly expressed, and your Committee have been requested to repeat it, that so much money as was raised for the aid of Holland, Michigan, should be considered as a proper part of the Centennial Fund, and accordingly it has been so counted. It is probable, however, that so much, if not more, was contributed by Churches and individuals in our denomination for Chicago as there was for Holland. We have, however, no official record of the amount thus raised, and allude to it only to call attention to the fact that our Centennial year was opened by a great charity, bestowed spontaneously upon cities and states prostrated beneath a great affliction.

Owing to the facts above recited, the proper work called for by the plan of Synod could not be fairly entered upon before January last, and has conesquently been narrowed down to a period of about five months.

Your Committee are informed that the several Particular Synods, and also all the Boards of the Church, would be glad to have the time for the operation of the plan extended, so that by the first of January next, or at some other date in the future which your venerable body may choose to designate, the denomination may make good its expressed desires, and be free to proportion its gifts to its opportunities.

It will be found that a large proportion of the money thus far reported has been applied to the liquidation of debts on local churches, or the erection of new edifices, or to improvements of ecclesiastical property. This result was expected, and is not to be regretted or censured. All through our denomination, for some years past, congregations had been building new churches and parsonages, in which large sums of money had been expended. In all cases, the removal of their debts adds directly to the ability of

million of dollars has been raised and paid in liquidation of lo obligations, under the inspiration of the memories and hopes whi cluster around this Centennial year, it may well occasion gratitu and satisfaction.

Your Committee believe that the Centennial movement has n injured, but rather aided the interests of the several Boards. T very liberal gifts bestowed upon the sufferers in the West undou edly diminished, for a time afterward, the receipts of the Boar as well as of the Memorial Fund. But those gifts proved t existence of a right feeling, and illustrated the ability of the F formed Church to produce larger pecuniary benefactions for special purpose, without being obliged to neglect its own pecul work.

If, in its wisdom and discretion, the General Synod ordain th at least a full year be allowed for collecting the Centennial off ings, then your Committee beg leave to suggest that the great i fluence of your body be excited to arouse the Church to make united effort in behalf of its Building Fund, as among the m important, if not the one agent most of all essential to its progr in this country. The amount of money apportioned to the Buildi Fund is not enough to meet its present necessities, and would n therefore, strengthen it for larger usefulness in the future.

Your Committee believe that what has been accomplished wit the last five months toward the execution of the Centennial pla will afford a great encouragement to all who heartily desire t prosperity and enlargement of the Reformed Church, and gi ample proof of the willingness of our communion to do its sha of the grand work to which the whole body of faithful people called in this day of evangelical progress.

ELBERT S. PORTER, *Chairman.*

The Treasurer of the Centennial Fund presented the followi Report, which was accepted:

New York, June 10, 1872.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

As Treasurer of the Centennial Committee, I have the honor report the following sums contributed to the objects named, as t result to this time of the Centennial effort:

Board of Foreign Missions	23,557 78
" Domestic Missions	12,346 24
" Education	6,730 45
" Publication	3,755 36
Sustentation Fund	631 35
Special Gifts, including contributions for Holland sufferers	76,981 48
Home objects: church debts paid, new buildings and repairs	543,103 19
General Centennial purposes	781 77
	$684,251 21

JNO. A. HARDENBERGH, *Treasurer.*

The Secretaries of the Boards were heard in connection with the consideration of the Reports of the Committees on the several Boards.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Of the Contributions made during the year ending April 30, 18
by the several Churches, to the (denominational) Boards and Fu
recommended by Synod, each sum comprising the total amoun
ceived from each Church, whether by church collections or ot
wise.

[See Synod Proceedings, June, 1862 p. 212.]

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church
Classis of Albany							
First Albany	.....	1572 57	2490 81	1113 30	.....	.....	95
Second Albany	107 58	306 12	314 13	114 26			
Third Albany	... .	... ...	... .	5			
Fourth Albany	6	20	16				
Holland Albany							
Second Berne	.....	6	3				
First Bethlehem	.....	67 70	25 50	55 65			
Second Bethlehem	....	43 57	67 50	357 50			
Clarksville							
Coeymans	12 40	8 43	10 27	100 46			
Jerusalem	9 23	.....	13 85	57 89			
Knox	.....	8 47	7 56	...	.....	.....	
New Baltimore	19 83	30 40	252 13	30 98			
New Salem	.....	8	19 99	9 83	5 45	.....	
Onisquethaw	2 52	5	2 85	11 79			
Union	10	... ...	... ...	5			
Westerlo	7 65	15 50	15				
Classis of Arcot							
Classis of Bergen							
English Neighborhood	26	21	30	14	20	20	
First Hackensack	.....	200	350	50			
Schraalenberg	....	80 31	28 50				
New Durham	40	100	226 58	.....	.....	.....	20
First Hoboken	.....	100					
Third Jersey City	.... ..	238 60	88 82	188 71	21 29	.....	1
North Bergen	.. ....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Second Hackensack	... ..	28	20 66				
Ger. Hoboken	7 27	33 30	18 96	6 06			
Ger. Hackensack							
Closter City	6 20	12 50	18 95	7 35			
Palisades	....	5	35 90				
Guttenberg							
S. Classis of Bergen							
Bergen	46 55	238 60	595 44	70 06	.....	.....	6
First Jersey City	....	542 76	634 22	100			
Bayonne	18 82	9 61	11 78	22 58	8 70	4 35	1
First Van Vorst	100	179 69	255 11	28 58	94 71	.....	4
Bergen Point	50	125	230	70	43	25	100
Second Hudson City	11 05	26 50	12 18				

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
S. Classis of Bergen CONTINUED.							
Lafayette	88	286	508 50	81	73	89 50	128 80
West End Jersey City	.....	150					
Greenville	.....						
Bethel Mission	.....	15					
Classis of Cayuga							
Canastota	.....	.....	17 25				
Chittenango	13	28 71	60 90	17 63	7 10	.....	5 08
Cicero	.....						
Lysander	.....						
Naumburgh	.....	19	4 45				
New Bremen	.....	5 70	1				
Owasco	20	20	21 13				
Owasco Outlet	8	8 65	32 65				
Syracuse	38	202 38	294 88	110 48	17 77	28 23	16 80
Thousand Isles	.....	39					
Utica	.....	719 86	698 11	.....	.....	.....	5
West Leyden	6 75	.....	10 60				
C. of Grand River							
Fremont Centre	.....						
Grand Haven	16 05	28	51 55				
Second Grand Rapids	50	50					
Grandville	.....	30 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	60
Kalamazoo	10						
Muskegon	10	10	20	.....	.....	.....	20
Polkton	.....						
Spring Lake	7 14	16 57	15 64				
Classis of Geneva							
Ithaca	.....	96 93	162 80	27 09	.....	22 90	
Geneva	49	189 91	186 15	15 50	20	19	24
Farmer Village	.....	101 75	47 98				
Lodi	30	88 18	77 31	14 80			
Arcadia	.....						
Wolcott	14	16	30 73	13 30			
Buffalo	.....						
Rochester	19 45	.....	100	24 70	15 60	.....	25 52
Clymer Village	10						
Mina Corners	10 50	12	16	5	4 50		
Cato	.....						
Cleveland	6 72	7 80	6 15	.....	.....	.....	7 50
Dunkirk	4	8	4				
Clymer	10 20	10 20	28				
Pultneyville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 05
East Williamson	8	.....	51 45				
Tyre	.....	23 37	14 08				
Caroline	.....	9 60					
Marion	11 11	17 70	18 42				
Classis of Greene							
First Athens	.....	82	60				
Second Athens							
Catskill	28	55 17	58	49 17	18 12	.....	18 46
First Coxsackie	10		38 49	.....	.....	.....	29 08
Second Coxsackie	56 20	305 08	122 70	24 79	10 50	.....	40
Kiskatom	.....	22 23	44 76				

CHURCHES.	Education	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Greene CONTINUED.							
Leeds	.....	43	32	16	.....	.....	10
Moresville and Gilboa	5						
Prattsville	.....	29					
Roxbury	10	18					
Classis of Holland							
Beaver Dam							
Drenthe							
Ebenezer	7 55	5 30	17 88				
Fynaart							
Graafschap	.....	12 30					
First Holland	.....	30	112 82	.....	31		
Third Holland							
Jamestown							
Mattoax, Va							
North Holland							
Overyssel	26 15	15 75	58	17 25			
Sangatuck	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Vriesland	.....	26 10	27 40	7 70			
Zeeland							
Amelia Court House	25	15	20				
Classis of Hudson							
Hudson	150 54	218 32	1051 29	41 07	25	25	1064 10
First Claverack	31	14 58	436 68	.....	8	11 50	
Second Claverack	93 80	93 40	261 71	50	40	40	74 71
Linlithgo	26 25	36 90	26 29	.....	.....	.....	86 19
Greenport	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	267 50
Germantown	15	42 04	74 58	.....	.....	.....	120
Upper Red Hook	.....	7 57	22 31	12 10	.....	.....	23 45
Greenbush	.....	60	117 79				
Taghkanic	.....	16					
Livingston, Linlithgo	.....	.....	11				
Classis of Illinois							
Fairview	12 25	.....	113 10	.....	.....	.....	87 59
Pekin	.....	.....	7				
Spring Lake	.....	13 70	6 15	8 58	.....	.....	2
Raritan	8	.....	40	6	.....	.....	100
Bushnell							
Davenport							
First Pella	.....	.....	50 60	13 30	17 35	20	18 50
Havana							
Second Pella	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 50	
Bethel	.....	4 25	5	.....	.....	.....	3 51
Leyden Center	.....	38 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	34
Third Pella	.....	.....	79 75				
Am. Ref. Chicago	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	251 47
Fourth Pella							
Otley							
Norris	.....	75					
Norwood Park	.....	12 50					
Classis of Kingston							
Bloomingdale							
The Clove	57	56 30	74 39	78			
Dashville Falls	2	1 90	12	3 32	.....	.....	2 50

CHURCHES.	Education	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Kingston CONTINUED.							
Guilford	40	30	11	86 30			
Hurley	47 20	28 80	154 40	20 10			20
N. Marbletown	6 76	14 77	86 58	13			12
Second Kingston	56 70	230 81	438	27 30			36 28
Marbletown			26 02	75			
New Paltz	38 67	128 82	332 96	86 58	20	8 33	25 45
Rochester		10	83 20	19			
Rosendale		26 07	26				
Sampsonville		5 25					
St. Remy							
N. Classis L. Island							
Jamaica	51 27	50	60	39 33		30	
Newtown	3051 10	188 13	184 75	5	21		142 50
Oyster Bay	24 65	45 25	31 76	18 11			27 87
North Hempstead			16 50				
Williamsburgh		50	33 12	150			
Astoria	430	155	359 50	118	66 33	70	289
Greenpoint	202 26	68 75	394 90	87 11	20	2 37	
Flushing		52	50	246 16			
South Bushwick	35		30 20				
Lee Avenue							
East Williamsburgh	39 25		44 41	20 18			
Queens	31	24 16	56 69				
Second Astoria		5					
Second Newtown							
Ger. Evan. Brooklyn, E. D.	24	20	21	25	4	5	11
Sayville	2 25	8	2 50	2	2		
Locust Valley							12
S. Classis L. Island							
Brooklyn	305 28	1981 03	3201 46	301 75	141 28	141 29	432 92
Flatbush	1560 60	1511 50	1510 41	155 83	44 40	24 40	1323 86
New Utrecht	78 11	424 13	409 48	31 78	20		17 69
Gravesend		5	113 66	43 40			20 61
Flatlands	61 22	43 50	91 52	41 85			16 30
New Lots	27	50	239 77	13 37			135 10
East New York	24 76	150 55	201 21	62 66	13 25	13 25	34 81
South Brooklyn	236	18 50	60 39	10 20	5 01	5 01	8 07
Middle Brooklyn		126 94	93 62	62			
Twelfth Street	20 87	49 41	22 46	13 20	7 31	7 32	
Church on the Heights	565 03	458 04	161 99	189 90			55 96
New Brooklyn	16	27	8	5			
East Brooklyn			5	66			
Classis of Michigan							
Battle Creek							
Centerville		20 85	32				
Constantine	25	70	54 40				40
First Grand Rapids	7 60	25 01	30 62	2 51		7 60	
Hope	35	55 66	16 31	14 76			
Macon		2 20					
Porter							
South Bend	5	20		10			
South Macon		16 50					7 50
Pittsford		5					

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
C. of Monmouth							
First Freehold	.....	112 30	155 25	.....	.....	.....	64
Second Freehold	.....	87 69	58 43				
Holmdel	55 64	97 68	176 76	22 15	.....	30	40
Spotswood	.....	17 02	8 54				
Middletown	.....	13 87	8 82	9 46			
Keyport	.....	26 35	51 75				
Long Branch	15	15	40	18	5	5	5
Colt's Neck	5 11	20	92 90	9	.....	.....	18 78
C. of Montgomery							
Auriesville							
Caughnawaga	.....	50 64	80	10	.....	6	
Canajoharie	.....	26 17	15				
Columbia	.....	1					
Currytown	8	40 53	67 47	9	.....	.....	85 80
Ephratah							
Florida	19	.....	35				
Fort Plain	.....	39 80	37 78				
Fort Herkimer							
Fultonville	.....	.....	40	25	.....	.....	56 75
Glen	25	41 50	60	4	.....	.....	21
Hagaman's Mills	21 84	35 30	29 80	30			
Henderson	.....	2 50	2 50				
Herkimer	.....	.....	48 50	13 80			
Indian Castle	.....	.....	7				
Manheim	20	20	20	11	.....	.....	5
Mapletown							
Mohawk							
Port Jackson	14	.....	.....	12			
St. Johnsville	33 21	45 25	49	20	.....	.....	75
Stone Arabia							
Spraker's Basin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 77
Tillaborough							
Classis of Newark							
Belleville	10	50	213 81	99 20	16 25		
First Newark	180 48	578 35	381 85	25	20	.....	306 05
Irvington	32 10	36	.....	15 64	.....	.....	24 50
Second Newark	70 70	340 27	360 23	260 80	7 30	57 30	266 15
Franklin	4	10	8	2			
North Newark	176 50	700 67	2055 38	24	.....	112 33	154
West Newark	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 25
Clinton Avenue, Newark	.....	.....	66 40				
East Newark	.....	44 36	44 37				
Linden							
C. New Brunswick							
First New Brunswick	166 72	385 60	244 35	35 30	49 44	100	110
Six Mile Run	97 87	459 21	520 56	67 50	20	.....	30 15
Hillsborough	69 26	165 37	125 22	12 06			
Middlebush	44	115	190	62 50	25 75	.....	85
Griggstown	9	50 58	232	7 50	9 50		
Second New Brunswick	161 80	299 33	1386 17	100	.....	36 44	10
Bound Brook	.....	110 79	.....	44 67			
Third New Brunswick	.....	.....	26				
East Millstone	21 72	29 19	65 77	10	.....	.....	10 40
Metuchen	.....	.....	11				

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of New York							
Collegiate, New York	1164 52	3672 58	10151 31	527 92	69 72	187 74	382 88
Thirty-Fourth Street	297 40	221 32	150 21	50	.....	.....	50
St. Paul's	.....	28 86	5				
Madison Avenue	.....	25	222 13				
German Evan. Mission	50	50	105	50	25	25	100
Bloomingdale	.....	15	10				
Harlem	172 13	276 57	111 26	32 34	.....	.....	94 28
Mott Haven	.....	46 31	138 35	.....	.....	.....	223 48
Staten Island	40	60	60	.....	30	30	
Richmond, S. I.							
Huguenots, S. I.	.....	.....	8 52	.....	.....	.....	12 10
Fourth German							
Prospect Hill	200	300	110	.....	12	12	25
Holland	.....	11 07					
South New York	449 02	269 86	2186 59				
South New Haven, Ct	.....	25					
Brookfield, Ct.	.....	43 35	10				
Mebanesville	.....	1 25					
S Classis N. York							
Brighton Heights	10	15	41 40	19 07			
Washington Square	585	185	310 17	.....	.....	.....	70 44
Manhattan	.....	20	25				
Bushwick	11	83	31 50				
Union Ref Ch 6th Ave	.....	20 88	22 26	.....	.....	8 40	
German Ref. P Church	.....	125	10				
North Brooklyn Ref. Ch.	.....	28 81	15 89	107 45	14 16		
Classis of Orange							
Berea	10	.....	10	.....	5	5	12
Bloomingburgh	.....	.....	23 83				
Callicoon							
Claryville							
Cuddebackville	.....	.....	5	30	.....	.....	10
Deerpark	70 65	331	516 18	42 08	.....	18 44	840 12
Ellenville	76 40	40	116 77	60			
Fallsburgh	108	225 50	824	13	18	4	5
Fremont							
Grahamville							
Kerhonkson							
Mamakating							
Minisink							
Montgomery		200	555	40 40			
Newburgh	27 06	34 23	513 71	.....	.....	.....	15 86
New Hurley	.....	6 12	.....	81 95			
New Prospect							
Shawangunk	55 65	17 01	24 88	5			
Walden	22	47 10	131	14			
Wallkill Valley							
Walpack, Upper	.....	.....	.....	9			
Walpack, Lower	20	18	21	16 50			
Wawarsing	.....	45 04	45 05				
Classis of Paramus							
Clarkstown	87 35	42 50	70 03	.....	.....	.....	20
Tappan	.....	40 37	47 45				
Acquackanonk	90	185	302 60	70			
Second Totowa	.....	407 16	424 80	25 26	.....	.....	25
Paramus	23	30	31 25	28 50			

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Pasamus CONTINUED.							
Pascack	7	6 50	10 55	9			
Saddle River	.....	.....	38 25	.....	.....	.....	2
Ramapo	.....	55					
West New Hempstead	8 27	44 20	44 19				
Warwick	44 20	88 96	230 82				
Nyack	16 25	42 80	59	218 23	5 78	6 88	6 88
Piermont	29	140	90	100	.....	....	100
Broadway, Paterson	.....	25	31 75				
North Passaic	5	42 09	64 51	65			
Spring Valley	10	95 56	21 75	54 86	3 08	3 08	7 50
First Holland, Paterson	5	11	5				
Second Holland, Paterson	.....	.....	.....	.....	10		
Holland, Lodi							
Classis of Passaic							
Boardville	15	10	15				
Boonton	.....	20 25					
Fairfield	.....	.....	50				
Little Falls	43 19	138 82	134 75	131	.....	.....	30 26
Montville	22 05	57 79	120 58	5	.....	.....	50
Sixth Paterson							
Pompton Plains	.....	84	60 75	25 10			
Pompton	70	88 85	133	.....	.....	....	26 60
Ponds	....	6	6	.....	.....	.....	7
Preakness	23	19	31 59	.....	.....	.....	22
Stone House Plains	15	27	31 41	8	....	.....	14 50
First Totowa	61	82	168 17	24 25	21 25	21 25	70 90
Wyckoff	10	48 50	38	7 10			
C. of Philadelphia							
Harlingen	31 50	58	48	.....	.....	.....	115 20
Readington	.....	117 34	157 42	.....	.....	.....	182 64
Ne-Shanic	....	270	81	5			
First Philadelphia	.....	182 46	311 66				
Second "	.....	25	59 82				
Third "	105	110	282 16	.....	.....	.....	75
N. & S. Hampton	57 25	82 17	100 18	5 75	5 50	5	6 75
Blawenburgh	26 19	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	295 85
Stanton	.....	10					
Manayunk	30	50	50	20			
Rocky Hill	....	103 50	46 47	16 30			
Clover Hill	.....	.....	100				
Addisville	21 64	77 61	87 10	.....	9 45	9 45	12 87
C. of Poughkeepsie							
First Poughkeepsie	170 37	198 58	244 73	.....	.....	51 35	
Second "	35 96	65 72	201 59	31 59	21 64	21 65	44 03
Fishkill	23	132 46	106 93	.....	....	.....	43
Hopewell	.....	77 69	203 50	.....	.....	....	40
New Hackensack	28 80	64 10	100	6	6 25	7	45
Rhinebeck	15 94	145 14	176 15	16	.....	20 03	
Fishkill-on-Hudson	127 65	178	125	10 61	.....	.....	125 42
Hyde Park	8 13	44 50	43 84	5	.....	.....	8 47
Glenham	.....	.....	107 42				
Cold Spring							
Mill Brook	.....	63 07	224 95				

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publications.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Raritan							
First Raritan	....	221 21	215 33	44			
Bedminister	56	462 30	289 10	85 70	.....	.....	144 30
Lebanon	14 20	13 92	34 29				
Rockaway	...	75 18	100 18	30	.....	.....	35
North Branch	18	73 53	20	16 45			
Second Raritan	38 50	66 31	274	105 93			
Peapack	.....	.....	28 81	.....	.....	.....	15
Branchville	50	27 40	153 83	14 50	20		
Third Raritan	68	175	250	32 25	.....	.....	7
Easton	52 50	70	179 12	.....	.....	.....	39 12
Plainfield	.....	20					
Central Plainfield	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 0
Pottersville	3 25	9 86	63 77	.....	.....	1 20	
High Bridge	.....	20	37				
Clinton Station							
Cl. of Rensselaer							
Blooming Grove	10	.....	18	....	.....	.....	18 25
Castleton	73 10	.....	.....	150 63			
Chatham	.....	20	40 32	55 65			
First Ghent	12	18	90	.....	.....	.....	105
Second Ghent	12	10	32	20	.....	.....	104 24
Greenbush	23 32	27 47	34 25	170 04	17 90	20 66	
Kinderhook	100 69	185 69	867 82	.....	14 17	29 17	1035 40
Nassau	50	50	144 96				
New Concord	....	.....	77 66				
Schodack	10	.....	20	172 10			
Schodack Landing	10	10	81 92	76 82	.....	.....	100
Stuyvesant	10 36	29	208 01	10 58	15 52	13 56	41 37
Stuyvesant Falls	10	.....	10	....	.....	.....	15
Classis of Saratoga							
West Troy	.....	64 37	269 57				
S. Church West Troy	32	169 47	141 56				
Wynantskill	.....	22	22				
Boght	.....	10					
Rensselaer							
Waterford							
Cohoes	.....	60	53 50				
Union Village	..	18 45	75 78				
Saratoga	40	38 60	35	15	.....	.....	50
Buskirk's	.....	.....	50				
Easton							
Schaghticoke	.....	50	56 43				
Northumberland	34 80	10	.....	50	.....	25	50
Gansevoort	.....	...	5				
Fort Miller	.....	5	12 14	11	.....	.....	10
Jackson							
C. of Schenectady							
First Schenectady	.....	.....	.....	46			
Second "	.....	10	49 50	40	6		
Third "							
First Glenville	8 50	17	100 85	10	3	2 75	7 25
Second "	1	10 40	12 88	31 75	.....	.....	1 14
First Rotterdam	13	11	21	.....	.....	.....	14
Second "	20						
Helderberg	.....	.....	69 28				
Niskayuna	19 72	27	60 17	46 66	20 70	.....	34 14

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
C. of Schenectady CONTINUED.							
Lisha's Kill	17 57	31 91	41 95	87 97	19 30	.....	52 22
Amity	.....	43 26	24	25			
Princeton	.....	2					
Classis of Schoharie							
Schoharie	5 77	14 57	20 17	5	....	....	11 09
Middleburgh	29 30	35	12 35	15 05	8 24	8 24	19 36
Gallupville	.....	.....	6 60	4 41	....	.....	4 05
Berne	.....	81 05	31				
Beaver Dam	.....	19 62	4 30				
Lawyersville	.....	10					
Schoharie Mountain	5	5					
Sharon	.....	43 50	7 50				
North Blenheim	.....						
Breakabin	.....	.....	10				
Gilboa	10	10	14 50				
Eminence	.....						
Classis of Ulster							
Blue Mountain	10	20 75	88 75	10 50	.....	.....	10
Caatsban	28	31 55	65	21	.....	.....	50
Esopus	.....	5	12 50				
Flatbush	36	68 17	78 35	...	...	...	47
Kingston	.....	524 46	910 86	47 59	58 78	42 98	180
North Esopus	.....	73 75	51 50				
Plattekill	28	48	.....	.....	.....	....	128
Saugerties	270	369 89	416 50	75	.....	.....	620
Shokan							
Shandaken							
West Hurley	.....	8	19 52	7 58			
Woodstock	....	.....	30 75				
Wiltwyck	.....	.....	5 20				
C. of Westchester							
Bronxville	.....	.....	50				
Cortlandtown							
Fordham	40	.....	50				
Greenburgh	.....	...	130 30				
Greenville	.....	30	62 16				
Hastings	.....	77 31	184 05	58 40			
Melrose	.....	30					
Mount Vernon	26 60	6 99	131 02	...	12 50	12 51	6 99
Peekskill	21 75	35 55	56	20 75			
First Tarrytown	25 67	47 32	62 18	....	.....	33	42 14
Second "	.....	.....	354	.....	.....	.....	100
Unionville	.....	30	22				
West Farms	.....	1027	56 03				
White Plains	.....	41	91				
Yonkers	49 40	37 81	230 66	346 43	23 78	26 14	182 46
C. of Wisconsin							
Alto	16 40						
Bethlehem							
Chicago							
Danforth	.....	5					
Eden							
Franklin	12 90	.....	50				

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building
Cl. of Wisconsin CONTINUED.							
Forreston							
Fulton	.....	21 67					
Gibbsville							
Greenleaf	3	3 50	2 50	2			
Holland, Wis	.....	.....	86				
Hoog Prairie	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31
Holland, Neb							
Milwaukie							
Oostburg	.....	22	21 10				
Peoria	.....	12 10					
P. P. & W. Rock							
Sheboygan Falls							
S. Holland, Ills							
Silver Creek	.....	31 80	.....	16			
Two Rivers	.....	33					

ARTICLE XXIII.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on accounts would respectfully report:

1. There are present at this Synod the following delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago, who are entitled to traveling expenses, as follows:

One from the	Classis of	Michigan	$28
Four	"	Illinois, $27 each	108
Three	"	Holland, $28 each	84
One	"	Wisconsin	32
Two	"	Grand River, $28 each	56
			$308

Your Committee recommends that they be paid accordingly from the Contingent Fund.

2. The following bills have been put into the hands of this Committee:

Edgar Farmer & Co., trunk and express charges	$7 55
Insley Brothers, Stationery	9 63
Brooklyn Daily Union, nomination tickets	3 75
Brooklyn Daily Times, rolls of Synod	8
Sexton's services	40
	$68 93

The Committee recommends that these bills be paid.

3. An estimate of the amount needed for contingent expenses for the current year has been received from the Treasurer of General Synod.

on Accounts, but as it pertains to the affairs of the Board of Direction, your Committee claims that its consideration in this Report may be properly omitted.

Your Committee also recommends the payment of $3 to the Letter Carrier, with whose services this Synod has been greatly accommodated.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. M. DOOLITTLE, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the General Synod be directed to pay the sum of one hundred dollars to each of the brethren who delivered lectures in the Special Course provided for the Theological Seminary, by the Committee on the vacant Professorship.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish 1,400 copies of the Minutes of the Synod, duly authenticated, and to distribute among the Classes the number ordered by them, and that the price of each copy be printed on the cover. Also that 1,000 extra copies of the Revised Constitution be printed and distributed with the Minutes.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be returned to the Consistory of the Middle Reformed Church of Brooklyn for the use of their church edifice during the present session of this body.

Resolved, That the members of this Synod recognize with pleasure the attentive courtesy of Rev. Mr. Ingersoll, in providing for their entertainment, and wish to make every grateful acknowledgement of the abundant and graceful attentions which they have received from families who have invited them to their homes.

The Minutes were read and approved.

On calling the roll, the following were absent: Revs. F. A. Horton, J. G. Van Slyke, and C. B. Durand. Elders, Matthias Hallenbeck, Isaac Morley, Jacob Suydam, J. E. Bergen, Garret D. Demarest, Lewis M. Drew, Ira Ryerson, S. Waldron.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in the Second Reformed Church, at New Brunswick, on the first Wednesday (6th) of June, 1873, at three o'clock P.M., and closed with the singing of the 674th hymn, prayer by the President, the Doxology, and the Benediction by the President.

JOACHIM ELMENDORF, *President.*

PH. PELTZ, *Adsessor.*

W. H. TEN EYCK, *Permanent Clerk.*

MAURICE G. HANSEN, }
A. V. GULICK, } *Clerks pro. tem.*

Official copy from the original Minutes,

P. D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk.*

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Presidents of General Synod.

YEAR	PRESIDENTS	FROM WHAT STATE	PLACE OF MEETING
1794	Rev. William Linn	New York	Albany, N. Y.
1797	Rev. Dirck Romeyn	"	New York.
1800	Rev. Ira Condict	New Jersey	Albany.
1803	Rev. John H. Livingston	New York	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
1806	Rev. James V. C. Romeyn	New Jersey	Albany.
1809	Rev. Nicholas Lansing	New York	New York.
1812	Rev. Jacob Sickles	"	Albany.
1814	Rev. John M. Bradford	"	New York.
1815	Rev. John Schureman	New Jersey	Albany.
1816	Rev. Jacob Brodhead	Pennsylvania	New York.
1817	Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook	New York.	Albany.
1818	Rev. William McMurray	"	New York.
1819	Rev. John M. Bradford	"	Albany.
1820	Rev. James S. Cannon	New Jersey	New York.
1821	Rev. Selah S. Woodhull	New York	Albany.
1822	Rev. Philip Milledoler	"	New York.
1823	Rev. Jesse Fonda	"	Albany.
1824	Rev. Thomas DeWitt	"	New York.
1825	Rev. Jacob Brodhead	Pennsylvania	Albany.
1826	Rev. John Ludlow	New York	New York.
1827	Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler	"	Philadelphia.
1828	Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker	"	Albany.
1829	Rev. John Knox	"	New York.
1830	Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge	New Jersey	New Brunswick, N. J.
1831	Rev. John Gosman	New York	Albany.
1832	Rev. Isaac Ferris	"	New York.
1833	Rev. Jacob J. Janeway	"	Schenectady.
1834	Rev. Sam. A. Van Vranken	New Jersey	New York.
1835	Rev. Robert Bronk	New York	Philadelphia.
1836	Rev. Thomas M. Strong	"	Albany.
1837	Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff	"	New York.
1838	Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor	New Jersey	Albany.
1839	Rev. George W. Bethune	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia.
1840	Rev. James Murphy	New York	New York.
1841	Rev. James Romeyn	"	Albany.

1842—Rev. James B Hardenberg ....New York ....New York.
1843—Rev. William C. Brownlee .... " ....Albany.
1844—Rev. Jacob Van Vechten ..... " ....Poughkeepsie.
1845—Rev. Maurice W. Dwight..... " ....New Brunswick.
1846—Rev. William H. Campbell .... " ..Albany.
1847—Rev. Abraham Messler.... ...New Jersey....New York.
1848—Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye.....New York ....Kingston, N. Y.
1849—Rev. George H. Fisher.... " ....New York.
1849—Rev. J. Van Vechten (ex. ses.).. " ....Schenectady, N. Y.
1850—Rev. Jeremiah Searle ..... " ....Poughkeepsie.
1851—Rev. Alexander M. Mann..... " ....Albany.
1852—Rev. Gustavus Abeel .....New Jersey....Williamsburgh, N. Y.
1853—Rev. Duncan Kennedy.....New York ....Philadelphia.
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1855—Rev. Ransford Wells..... .... " ....New Brunswick.
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In the year 1867, the Reformed Dutch Church, which is named in the following pages, dropped from its ecclesiastical name the word "Dutch," which was first formally assumed therein in the year 1792, and added the words "in America," so that the said Church might thenceforth be known as "The Reformed Church in America." (See below, Chap. II, Art. 5, Sec. 1.) Yet, in order that the absolute identity of "The Reformed Church in America" with "The Reformed Dutch Church" might be subject to no possible doubt or dispute, it was also ordained, that the epithet "Dutch" should be retained in all those places in this Constitution in which it had previously been used; but should be inclosed in brackets, to indicate the purpose of the Church to discourage the ecclesiastical and popular use of the word as part of its name.

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INTRODUCTION.

For the maintenance of good order in the Church of Christ, it is necessary there should be certain *Offices* and *Assemblies*, and a strict attention to *Doctrines*, *Sacraments*, *Usages* and *Christian Discipline;* of all which the following ecclesiastical ordinances particularly treat.

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Of the Offices in the Church.

Sec. 1. The Offices in the Church are fourfold, viz:

1. The Office of Ministers of the Word.
2. The Office of Teachers of Theology.
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Of Ministers of the Word.

Sec. 1. No person shall be allowed to exercise the office of a Minister, without being thereinto regularly inducted, according to the Word of God, and the order established by the Church.

Sec. 2. Every person contemplating the work of the ministry, before he commences his course of Theological studies, shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his being a member, in full communion and in good standing, of a Reformed Protestant Church; of his piety, abilities and literary attainments; and thereupon shall be admitted into one of the Theological Schools; and, during the prosecution of his studies there, shall be subject to the rules and regulations thereof; and, when he shall have completed the prescribed course and term of Theological studies, shall be admitted to an examination according to the regulations of the schools, as established by the General Synod; and, if found qualified, shall receive a professorial certificate to that effect, which shall entitle him to an examination for licensure before the Classis to which he belongs.

Sec. 3. In the examination, strict attention shall be paid to the attainments of the student, not only in the original languages of the Sacred Scriptures, in Biblical literature, in composition, and his

method of sermonizing, but he shall be especially examined respecting his knowledge in Theology, his orthodoxy, his piety, and his views in desiring to become a preacher of the Gospel.

SEC. 4. Whoever, upon examination, shall be approved by the Classis, must, before he is licensed, attest his adherence to the doctrines of the Gospel, by subscribing the following formula, viz:

"We, the underwritten, testify, that the Heidelbergh Catechism, and the Confession of the Netherland churches, as also the Canons of the National Synod of Dordrecht, held in the years 1618 and 1619, are fully conformable to the Word of God. We promise, moreover, that, as far as we are able, we will, with all faithfulness, teach and defend, both in public and private, the doctrines established in the standards aforesaid. And, should ever any part of these doctrines appear to us dubious, we will not divulge the same to the people, nor disturb the peace of the Church, or of any community; but will communicate our sentiments to the ecclesiastical judicatories under which we stand, and subject ourselves to the counsel and sentence of the same."

SEC. 5. After subscribing the aforesaid formula, the candidate shall be entitled to a certificate, or testimonial, signed by the President of the Classis before which the examination is held, containing a license to preach the Gospel; which license may, for cause, be revoked by the Classis.

SEC. 6. Any person of whose gifts, piety and promise of usefulness the Classis is satisfied, may be recommended by the same to the General Synod for a dispensation from any of the above requirements as to study. Such recommendation shall always be accompanied by a full statement of the reasons for the same. And no dispensation shall in any case be granted except by the General Synod, and on the recommendation of the Classis.

SEC. 7. A candidate for the ministry may not, under any pretence whatever, administer the sacraments; nor can he be a delegate to represent a church in any ecclesiastical assembly.

SEC. 8. Every candidate for the ministry is to consider himself under the immediate direction of the Classis which examined him, and is to visit such congregations, and preach in those places to which the Classis shall send him; but, if no particular directions

are given, he may preach at his own discretion in any congregation that shall invite him.

SEC. 9. A candidate who has accepted a call, must be examined for his becoming a minister. In this final examination, besides a repetition of his previous trials in composition and sermonizing, the original languages of the Sacred Scriptures, Biblical literature, and his knowledge of Theology, as well Didactic as Polemic, he shall be interrogated respecting the nature and administration of the Sacraments, the duties of the ministry, and his knowledge of Ecclesiastical History, and of Church Government.

SEC. 10. Upon giving satisfaction in this examination, the candidate shall subscribe the following formula, viz:

"We, the underwritten, in becoming Ministers of the Word of God, within the bounds of the Classis of N. N., do hereby sincerely, and in good conscience before the Lord, declare, by this our subscription, that we heartily believe, and are persuaded, that all the articles and points of doctrine contained in the Confession and Catechism of the Reformed (Dutch) Church, together with the explanation of some points of the aforesaid doctrine made in the National Synod, held at Dordrecht, in the year 1619, do fully agree with the Word of God. We promise, therefore, diligently to teach, and faithfully to defend, the aforesaid doctrine, without either directly or indirectly contradicting the same by our public preaching or writings. We declare, moreover, that we not only reject all errors that militate against this doctrine, and particularly those which are condemned in the above-mentioned Synod, but that we are disposed to refute and contradict them, and to exert ourselves in keeping the Church pure from such errors. And, if hereafter any difficulties or different sentiments respecting the aforesaid doctrine should arise in our minds, we promise that we will neither publicly nor privately propose, teach or defend the same, either by preaching or writing, until we have first revealed such sentiment to the Classis, that the same may be there examined; being ready always cheerfully to submit to the judgment of the Classis, under the penalty, in case of refusal, to be *ipso facto* suspended from our office. And, if at any time the Consistory, or Classis, upon sufficient grounds of suspicion, and to preserve the uniformity and purity of doctrine, may deem it proper to require of us an explanation of our sentiments respecting any particular article of the Confession of Faith, the Catechism, or the explanation of the National Synod, we do hereby promise to be always willing and ready to

comply with such requisition, under the penalty above-mentioned, reserving, however, to ourselves the right of an appeal, whenever we shall conceive ourselves aggrieved by the action of the Consistory or Classis; and, until a decision is made upon such appeal, we will acquiesce in the determination and judgment already passed."

SEC. 11. The Classis before which the examination of a candidate is held shall fix a day for his ordination, which ordination shall be conducted by the Classis with proper solemnity; a sermon suited to the occasion shall be preached, and the promises, directions, explanations of duty, with a laying on of hands, shall be agreeable to the form for that end expressly made and adopted; after which a certificate of his ordination, signed by the President, shall be given.

SEC 12. The office of a Minister is to persevere in prayer and the ministry of the Word; to dispense the Sacraments; to watch over his brethren the Elders and Deacons, as well as over the whole congregation; and lastly, in conjunction with the Elders, to exercise Christian discipline, and to be careful that all things be done decently and in good order. Every Minister must consider himself as wholly devoted to the Lord Jesus Christ in the services of the Church, and shall faithfully fulfil the obligations of his call, in preaching, catechising, and visiting his flock; and be instant in season and out of season; and, by word and example, always promote the spiritual welfare of his people.

SEC. 13. No person shall be ordained to the ministry of the Word, without settling in some congregation, except for missionary work under the direction of the Classis, or in foreign lands; and no person, when ordained, shall be at liberty to relinquish his calling as a Minister for any secular avocation, except for important reasons, concerning which the Classis shall inquire and determine.

SEC. 14. Ministers who, by reason of old age, or habitual sickness and infirmities, either of mind or body, are not capable of fulfilling the duties of the ministry, may, upon application, and sufficient proof of such incapacity being made to the Classis, be declared *emeriti*, and be excused from all further service in the Church during such infirmity; reserving, however, to them the title, rank, and character which, before such declaration, they enjoyed. In all such cases, before the Classis declares any Minister *emeritus*, they

may require a stipulation in writing from the Consistory to which he belongs, under their common seal, and signed by their President, to pay such Minister annually, in half-yearly payments, during his exemption from pastoral service, for his support, such sum as the Classis shall deem reasonable, having due regard to the stated salary of such Minister, and the situation and ability of the congregation. This stipulation shall at any time be subject to modification or discontinuance by the Classis.

SEC. 15. For the regular application for dismission of a Minister from his charge, it is required that a neighboring Minister of the same Classis to which the congregation belongs, be invited to be present, and superintend the application for said dismission of the Minister from his congregation, countersign it, and deliver it, with a report upon the subject, to the Classis, which report and document shall serve as a basis upon which the final dismission and certificate of the Classis shall be founded.

SEC. 16. All Ministers of the Gospel are equal in rank and authority; all are Bishops or overseers in the Church; and all are equal Stewards of the mysteries of God. No superiority shall, therefore, be ever claimed or acknowledged by one Minister over another; nor shall there be any lords over God's heritage in the Reformed (Dutch) Churches.

SEC. 17. Consistories of vacant congregations shall not invite or permit Ministers of other denominations, whose characters and standing are not known, to preach within their bounds, unless they exhibit satisfactory evidence in writing, of a recent date, of their regular authority for that purpose, and their good standing; and, in all doubtful cases, such Consistories shall consult a Standing Committee of Classis, to be appointed for that purpose.

SEC. 18. The Classis shall receive no Licentiates or Ministers under their care from any body of professing Christians who maintain doctrines different from those of the Reformed (Dutch) Church, without an open and explicit declaration, on their part, that they have renounced such doctrines, as contrary to the Holy Scriptures, and the standards of our Church.

SEC. 19. If any application be made for the admission of a Licentiate or Minister from other churches, it shall be the duty of the Classis to subject him to such examination as shall enable them to proceed with freedom in his case.

ARTICLE III.

Of Teachers of Theology.

SEC. 1. As it is of the greatest impcrtance that Professors Theology should be sound in the faith, possess abilities to tea and have the confidence of the churches, they shall always, for t greater security, be chosen and appointed by a vote of three-four of the members present in the General Synod. To prevent, as as possible, the unhappy consequences of partiality, haste, or und influence in obtaining an office of such consequence to the Chur a nomination of one or more candidates shall be previously ma upon which the Synod shall fix a day when they will proceed to election; provided that no appointment of a Professor of Theolo shall ever be made on the same day on which he is nominated; a provided also that no one nominated shall be set aside, except by t regular process of balloting for an election. An instrument, certi ing the appointment, and specifying the general duties of the offi shall be signed in the presence of the General Synod, by the Pre dent thereof, and by him be given, in the name of the Church, the person elected.

SEC. 2. No person shall be appointed to the office of a Profess who is not a Minister in good standing; and every Professor Theology shall continue in his office during life, unless in case such misbehavior as shall be deemed a violation of the obligatio entered into at his appointment; or unless he voluntarily deserts resigns his profession, or from age or infirmities becomes incapab of fulfilling the duties thereof; of all which the General Syn alone shall judge; and to that Synod a Professor of Theology sh always be amenable for his doctrine, mode of teaching, and mo conduct.

SEC. 3. No Professor of Theology shall be permitted to officia until he shall have subscribed the following formula, viz: "W the underwritten, in becoming Professors of Sacred Theology the Reformed (Dutch) Church, by this our subscription, uprightl and in good conscience before God, declare that we heartily b lieve, and are persuaded, that all the articles, and points of doctrin contained in the Confession and Catechism of the Reform (Dutch) Church, together with the explanation of some points the said doctrine, made in the National Synod, held at Dordrech in the year 1619, do fully agree with the Word of God. W promise, therefore, that we will diligently teach, and faithfully defe

the aforesaid doctrine; and that we will not inculcate or write, either publicly or privately, directly or indirectly, anything against the same. As, also, that we reject not only all the errors which militate against this doctrine, and particularly those which are condemned in the above mentioned Synod, but that we are disposed to refute the same, openly to oppose them, and to exert ourselves in keeping the Church pure from such errors. Should it nevertheless hereafter happen that any objections against the doctrine might arise in our minds, or we entertain different sentiments, we promise that we will not, either publicly or privately propose, teach, or defend the same, by preaching or writing, until we have first fully revealed such sentiments to the General Synod, to whom we are responsible; that our opinions may, in the said General Synod, receive a thorough examination, being ready always cheerfully to submit to the judgment of the General Synod, under the penalty, in case of refusal, to be censured by the said Synod. And whenever the General Synod, upon sufficient grounds of suspicion, and to preserve the uniformity and purity of doctrines, may deem it proper to demand from us a more particular explanation of our sentiments respecting any article of the aforesaid Confession, Catechism, or Explanation of the National Synod, we promise hereby to be always willing and ready to comply with such demand, under the penalty before mentioned; reserving to ourselves the right of rehearing, or a new trial, if we shall conceive ourselves aggrieved in the sentence of the General Synod; during the dependence of which new trial, we promise to acquiesce in the judgment already passed, as well as finally to submit, without disturbing the peace of the churches, to the ultimate decision of the said General Synod."

SEC. 4. No Professor, while in office, shall have the pastoral charge of any congregation, or sit as a member of any ecclesiastical assembly or judicatory; but as a Minister of the Gospel, may preach, and administer, or assist in administering the Sacraments in any congregation, with the consent of the Minister or Consistory.

SEC. 5. A Professor shall not be at liberty to resign his office without the consent of the General Synod, except upon giving three months' previous notice to the President of that body, of his intention so to do.

SEC. 6. A Professor of Theology, being amenable only to the General Synod, shall, when entering on the discharge of his duties,

take a dismissal from the judicatory with which he is connected; and on retiring from office shall be dismissed to such ecclesiastical judicatory as he may elect.

ARTICLE IV.

Of the Offices of Elders and Deacons.

SEC. 1. The office of Elders is, in conjunction with the Ministers of the Word, to exercise Christian discipline, and to be careful that all things be done decently and in order; to take heed that the Ministers, together with their fellow Elders and Deacons, faithfully discharge their respective duties; and also, especially before or after the Lord's Supper, as time and circumstances permit, and as shall be most for the edification of the congregation, to assist in performing visitations, in order particularly to instruct and comfort the members in full communion, as well as to exhort others to the regular profession of the Christian religion.

SEC. 2. The office peculiar to the Deacons is diligently to collect the alms and other moneys appropriated for the use of the poor, and, with the advice of the Consistory, cheerfully and faithfully to distribute the same to strangers, as well as to those of their own household, according to the measure of their respective necessities; to visit and comfort the distressed, and to be careful that the alms be not misused; of the distribution of which they shall render an account in Consistory, at such time as the said Consistory shall determine, and in the presence of so many of the congregation as may choose to attend. Should more be collected than the necessities of the poor may require, such surplus may, with the consent of the Consistory, be devoted to other purposes, connected with the wants of the Church.

SEC. 3. In all cases the Elders and Deacons shall be chosen from the male members of the Church, in full communion.

SEC. 4. In forming new Churches the Elders and Deacons shall be chosen by the male communicants, and a neighboring Minister of the Reformed church shall preside, and notice of the time and place of such election shall be published, at least two Sabbaths, in the church, or usual place of worship, previous to the election.

SEC. 5. In churches already organized, the manner of choosing Elders and Deacons shall be as follows:—A double number may be nominated by the Consistory, out of which the members of the Church in full communion may choose those who shall serve;—or, all the said members may unite in nominating and choosing the

or, the Consistory for the time being, as representing all the members, may choose the whole. The result of such choice shall be published in the church or usual place of worship of the congregation three successive Sabbaths previous to their ordination, to the end that all lawful objections to such ordination may be offered to and duly adjudicated by the Consistory. But where either of these modes has for many years been followed in any Church, there shall be no variation or change but by previous application of the Consistory to the Classis, and express leave first obtained for altering such custom.

SEC. 6. The Elders and Deacons shall be chosen to serve two years, except in cases of vacancy occasioned by death, removal out of the congregation, resignation, or dismission from office by a judicial sentence of the Consistory; in either of which cases, the person or persons chosen shall serve for the residue of the term only.

SEC. 7. In order to avoid the inconvenience of an entire change at one time, the first Elders and Deacons of new congregations shall, at the first meeting of the Consistory after their ordination, determine, by lot, who of their number shall serve one year, and who shall serve two years; so that one-half of the whole number of both Elders and Deacons may thereafter be elected annually. The same course shall be pursued in enlarging Consistories, so far as relates to the additional members. Elders and Deacons may be re-elected, but in such case need not be reordained.

ARTICLE V.

Of Ecclesiastical Assemblies in General.

SEC. 1. The Ecclesiastical Assemblies which shall be maintained are:

1. Consistorial.
2. Classical.
3. Synodical.

SEC. 2. In these assemblies ecclesiastical matters only shall be transacted, and that in an ecclesiastical manner. A greater assembly shall take cognizance of those things alone which could not be determined in a less, or that appertain to the churches or congregations in general, which compose such an assembly.

SEC. 3. The transactions of all Ecclesiastical Assemblies shall begin and conclude with prayer.

SEC. 4. Those who are delegated to attend the assemblies shall be admitted on credentials, signed by those who send them; and such only shall be entitled to a vote.

SEC. 5. In all assemblies there shall be a President and Clerk. The duty of the President shall be to state and explain the business which is to be transacted; to preserve order; and in general to maintain that decorum and dignity becoming a judicatory of the Church of Christ. The duty of the Clerk shall be to keep a faithful record of all the proceedings.

SEC. 6. A Classis has the same jurisdiction over a Consistory, which a Particular Synod has over a Classis, and the General Synod over a Particular.

SEC. 7. No member of an Ecclesiastical Assembly shall be allowed to protest against any of its acts; any member who dissents from any such acts shall have a right to require the names of all the members present who vote for or against the same, to be entered in the minutes, and published therewith for the information of all concerned.

ARTICLE VI.

Of Consistories.

SEC. 1. The Elders and Deacons, together with the Minister or Ministers, if any, shall form a Consistory, and the Minister shall preside at all consistorial meetings; but in the absence of a Minister, the Consistory may appoint one of the Elders to be their President *pro. tem.*, and it shall be competent for the several Consistories to prescribe the mode and time of calling their meetings. If there be a plurality of Ministers, they shall preside in rotation.

SEC. 2. When joined together in one Board, the Elders and Deacons have an equal voice in whatever relates to the temporalities of the Church, to the calling or dismission of a Minister, or the choice of their own successors; in all which they are considered as the general and joint representatives of the people. But in admitting members to full communion, and in dismissing them to other churches; in excercising discipline upon those who have erred from the faith, or offended in morals; and in choosing delegates to attend the Classis, the Elders, with the Ministers, have alone a voice.

SEC. 3. No Consistory shall be constituted in any place without the previous advice and concurrence of Classis; and no Consistory shall be allowed to dissolve a Church, or transfer its property to any other denomination without the consent of Classis.

SEC. 4. A majority of the Consistory, regularly convened, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; and in like manner, a majority of Ministers and Elders alone, or of Deacons alone, so convened, shall be a quorum respectively. It shall be the duty of the Consistory, when an election shall have been omitted at the usual time, to appoint another time for that purpose, on an early day, giving the like notice as herein above prescribed; and in like manner to provide for filling vacancies.

SEC. 5. As the spiritual government of the congregation is committed to the Ministers and Elders, it is their duty at all times to be vigilant, to preserve discipline, and to promote the peace and spiritual interest of the congregation. Particularly before the celebration of the Lord's Supper, a faithful and solemn inquiry is to be made by the President, whether, to the knowledge of those present, any member in full communion has departed from the faith, or in walk or conversation has behaved unworthy the Christian profession; that such as are guilty may be properly rebuked, admonished, or suspended from the privilege of approaching the Lord's Table, and all offences may be removed out of the Church of Christ.

SEC. 6. None can be received as members in full communion, unless they first shall have made a confession of their faith before the Minister (if any), and the Elders, or have produced a certificate of their being members in full communion of some Evangelical Church; all such shall be published to the congregation, and be registered as regular members in the Church.

SEC. 7. In every congregation, a distinct and fair register shall be preserved by the Minister of every baptism and marriage there celebrated, and of all who are received as members in full communion. It shall be the duty of the several Consistories to make a statistical report to the Classis at their meeting immediately preceding the annual meetings of the Particular and the General Synod, according to such formula as the General Synod shall prescribe, and accompany the same with such remarks on the spiritual state of the congregation as they may deem proper.

SEC. 8. Every Consistory shall keep regular minutes of its meetings and proceedings, and shall lay such minutes, so far as the same relate to ecclesiastical proceedings, at least once a year, before the Classis with which it is connected, for their information.

SEC. 9. It shall be incumbent upon members of the Church, in removing from the bounds of one Church to another, to obtain from the Consistory a certificate of membership and dismission.

SEC. 10. Consistories possess the right of calling Ministers for their own congregations, except where otherwise provided for by charter. But in exercising this right, they are bound to use their utmost endeavors, either by consulting with the Great Consistory, or with the congregation at large, to know what person would be most acceptable to the people.

SEC. 11. A Minister of the Classis must be invited to superintend the proceedings, whenever a Consistory is desirous of making a call. The instrument is to be signed by the members of the Consistory, or by the President in the name of the Consistory; and if the Church be incorporated, it is proper to affix the seal of the corporation. When the call is completed, it must be laid by the Consistory before the Classis, and be approved by the same, before it can be presented to the person called; and if the call be accepted, the name of such Minister shall be published in the church three Sabbaths successively, that opportunity may be given for stating lawful objections, if any there be. When any circumstances shall, in the judgment of the Consistory, make the presiding of their own Minister at its sessions undesirable, they may, on the request of their pastor, invite a Minister of their own Classis to preside on the occasion.

SEC. 12. For the purpose of uniformity, the form of a call shall be as follows:

"To N. N.

"*Grace, Mercy and Peace, from* GOD *our* FATHER, *and* JESUS CHRIST *our* LORD.

"WHEREAS, the Church of Jesus Christ at ——, is at present destitute of the stated preaching of the Word, and the regular administration of the ordinances, and is desirous of obtaining the means of grace, which God hath appointed for the salvation of sinners, through Jesus Christ his Son: AND WHEREAS, the said Church is well satisfied of the piety, gifts, and ministerial qualifica-

tions of you, N. N., and hath good hope that your labors in the Gospel will be attended with a blessing: Therefore, we (*the style and title of the said Church*) have resolved to call, and we hereby solemnly, and in the fear of the Lord, do call you, the said N. N., to be our pastor and teacher, to preach the Word in truth and faithfulness, to administer the holy Sacraments agreeably to the institution of Christ, to maintain Christian discipline, to edify the congregation, and especially the youth, by catechetical instructions; and, as a faithful servant of Jesus Christ, to fulfil the whole work of the Gospel ministry, agreeably to the Word of God, and the excellent Rules and Constitution of our Reformed (Dutch) Church, and to which you, upon accepting the call, must with us remain subordinate.

"In fulfilling the ordinary duties of your ministry, it is expressly stipulated, that besides preaching upon such texts of Scripture as you may judge proper to select for our instruction, you also explain a portion of the Heidelberg Catechism on the Lord's Days, agreeably to the established order of the Reformed (Dutch) Church; and that you farther conform in rendering all that public service which is usual, and has been in constant practice in our congregation. The particular service which will be required of you is (*here insert a detail of such particulars, if any there be, which the situation of the congregation may render necessary; especially in case of combinations, when the service required in the respective congregations must be ascertained; or when the Dutch and English languages are both requisite, the proportion of each may be mentioned or left discretionary, as may be judged proper*).

"To encourage you in the discharge of the duties of your important office, we promise you, in the name of this Church, all proper attention, love, and obedience in the Lord; and to free you from worldly cares and avocations, while you are dispensing spiritual blessings to us, we (*the Elders and Deacons, etc., the style and title of the Church*) do promise and oblige ourselves to pay to you the sum of ——, in —— payments, yearly, and every year as long as you continue the Minister of this Church, together with (*such particulars as may refer to a parsonage or other emoluments*). For the performance of all which, we hereby bind ourselves, and our successors, firmly by these presents. The Lord incline your heart to a cheerful acceptance of this call, and send you to us in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of peace.

"Done in Consistory, and subscribed with our names, this —— day of ——, in the year of ——."

Attested by N. N., Moderator of the call.

SEC. 13. Since it is deemed of the highest importance that there should be regular instruction on the great articles of the Christian faith, in order to preserve the truth, and to promote the prosperity of the Church, every Minister shall, in the ordinary morning or afternoon service on the Lord's Day, explain the system of the Christian doctrine comprehended in the Heidelbergh Catechism adopted by the Reformed Churches, so that, if practicable, the explanation may be annually completed, but shall never be extended beyond the term of four years. The several Classes shall, at their stated meetings, preceding the annual meeting of General Synod, make strict inquiry whether the preceding part of this section has been fully complied with by every Minister, and if any Minister shall be found deficient, without sufficient reason, the Classis shall inflict such censure as they in their wisdom may judge the omission to merit; and the several Classes shall make a full and faithful report of the result of their inquiries and doings on this behalf to the Particular Synod.

SEC. 14. When any Minister shall be duly convicted of any offence which affects the purity of his clerical character, he shall, in consequence of such conviction, be suspended from his office; and if the conviction and suspension shall be sustained on a final appeal, his pastoral connection with the congregation in which he was settled shall be, *ipso facto*, dissolved.

SEC. 15. Consistories which have hitherto combined with one or more neighboring Consistories, in making calls, and having a Minister to serve in common, may not at pleasure break such combination; but whenever their situation and circumstances render them capable of severally calling a Minister, a representation thereof must be made to the Classis, and leave be first requested and obtained, before their former connections can be dissolved.

SEC. 16. As in calling a Minister, Consistories are bound to consult with the Great Consistory, or with the congregation at large, so when other matters of peculiar importance occur, relating to the peace and welfare of the whole congregation, they are strongly recommended to seek such advice. All who have ever served as Elders or Deacons, constitute, when assembled, what is called the Great Consistory; but being out of office, and not actually mem-

voice.

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Classis.

SEC. 1. A Classis consists of all the Ministers, and an Elder delegated by each Consistory within the bounds prescribed by Particular Synod. Collegiate Churches shall be entitled to an Elder for each ordinary worshiping assembly. To constitute a Classis, at least three Ministers and three Elders are required.

SEC. 2. Classis shall have the power of approving or disapproving calls; constituting and dissolving the pastoral relation; ordaining, installing, suspending, deposing, and dismissing ministers. They shall have the power of forming and disbanding congregations, of approving and dissolving combinations of two or more congregations; and of exercising a general superintendence over the spiritual interests and concerns of the several churches, and an appellate supervising power over the acts, proceedings, and decisions of the Consistories relating to Christian discipline.

SEC. 3. The peculiar prerogative of Classes, that of examining students of Theology for their becoming candidates for the ministry, and of candidates for their becoming Ministers, is very important, and must always be attended to with great prudence, zeal, and fidelity. Every student of Theology, when he shall have become prepared for examination for licensure, shall present himself for such examination to the Classis within whose bounds he resided when he entered upon his preparatory studies, and a candidate who has received a call, must be examined by the Classis under whose jurisdiction the Church that has made the call is placed.

SEC. 4. No examination of a student or candidate by a Classis, shall in any case proceed without the attendance of a Deputatus Synodi from another Classis, who shall see that the examination is performed with strictness, propriety, and justice, and duly report the same to the next Particular Synod. That the Deputatus may obtain proper and timely notice, it shall be the duty of the President of the Classis, upon application being made to him for an examination (which application shall be made at least four weeks before the contemplated meeting of Classis), to send immediate information to the Deputatus, and communicate the time and place when and where the same is to be held, in such manner that the

Deputatus shall be notified at least three weeks before such examination.

SEC. 5. Every Classis shall keep a book, in which the forms of subscriptions for candidates and Ministers of the Gospel are fairly written, which those who are examined and approved shall respectively subscribe in the presence of the Classis. It shall also be the duty of every Classis, annually, to report to the Synod all persons who have been examined and licensed, as well as those who have been ordained; and also, all removals of Ministers from one place to another, or by death, which may have happened within the jurisdiction of such Classis, since the last session of Synod.

SEC. 6. Whenever the examination of a candidate for the ministry, the approbation of a call, or any other special business shall render an extraordinary meeting of the Classis necessary, it shall be the duty of the President of the Classis, upon application being made to him for that purpose, to call, by circular letters, the members together. And, whenever two Ministers and two Elders belonging to the Classis shall, upon *any occasion*, request in writing, under their hands, an extraordinary meeting, the President of the Classis may not refuse calling the same; provided that the expenses attending all extraordinary meetings of the Classis shall be paid by the person or congregation at whose request, or for whose benefit, such session is held.

SEC. 7. The meetings of the Classes shall be semi-annual, at such times as they may respectively determine; and at every ordinary session there shall be a sermon, or other devotional services, or both.

SEC. 8. The Classes shall, at their meeting next preceding that of the Particular Synod, appoint delegates to attend the said Synod, and nominate delegates to the General Synod; and, at the same meeting, shall put to the Ministers and Elders, respectively, the following inquiries, and enter in detail the several answers given by each Minister and Elder, on the minutes, for the information of the higher judicatories:

1st. Are the doctrines of the Gospel preached in your congregation in their purity agreebly to the Word of God, the Confession of Faith, and the Catechisms of our Church?

2d. Is the Heidelbergh Catechism regularly explained agreeably to the Constitution of the Reformed (Dutch) Church?

3d. Are the catechising of the children and the instruction of the youth faithfully attended to?

4th. Is family visitation faithfully performed?

5th. Is the 5th Sec., 6th Art., in the Constitution of our Church relating to the conduct of church members, carefully obeyed, previous to each communion?

6th. Is the temporal contract between Ministers and people fulfilled in your congregation?

7th. Is a contribution made annually by your congregation to each of the Benevolent Boards and Funds of the Church?

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Particular Synod.

SEC. 1. Every Particular Synod shall comprehend a certain number of Classes to be designated by the General Synod, and shall consist of four Ministers and four Elders from every Classis within its bounds; and nine Ministers and nine Elders, when regularly convened, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; excepting those Synods which consist of not more than five Classes, in which case six Ministers and six Elders may form a quorum.

SEC. 2. To the Particular Synod belongs the power to form new Classes, to transfer a congregation from one Classis to another, to exercise a general superintendence over the spiritual interests and concerns of the several Classes within its bounds, and an appellate supervising power over their acts, proceedings, and decisions relating to Christian discipline.

SEC. 3. Every Synod shall be at liberty to solicit and hold correspondence with its neighboring Synod or Synods, in such manner as shall be judged most conducive to general edification.

SEC. 4. Every Synod shall appoint a *Deputatus primarius* and *secundus*, from each Classis within its bounds, whose duty it shall be to superintend the examination of students in theology, and candidates for the ministry; to add a solemnity to the important work, and see that no undue liberty, superficial proceedings, or unnecessary rigor, be practiced. And it shall also be their duty, as Commissioners of Synod, to advise, exhort, and endeavor to persuade the Classis in all that respects the strict fulfillment of the important duty of examinations; but they are not invested with any authority to arrest the proceedings of any Classis that may act contrary to their advice; neither may they vote upon any question respecting

minutes of the proceedings at their different examinations where they are present, and impartially report to the Synod whatever they may judge improper or wrong.

SEC. 5. A copy of the minutes of every session of the several Classes held since the last session of Synod, shall, at the opening of the Synod be produced and laid on the table for the inspection of the members. The Particular Synod, from the several reports of the Classes, on the state of religion, shall prepare a Synodical Report, to be presented to the General Synod, accompanied with the statistical tables of said Classes.

SEC. 6. The Particular Synod shall meet annually, at such time and place as they may determine; and special meetings may be held for the transaction of any extraordinary business, upon the written request of four Ministers and four Elders to the President of the Synod; and, in such case, it shall be the duty of such President to give notice to the members of Synod of such meeting three weeks previous thereto, stating the particular object for which the Synod is to be convened.

ARTICLE IX.

Of the General Synod.

SEC. 1. The General Synod shall consist of three Ministers and three Elders from each of the Classes, composed of fifteen or less than fifteen churches; and an additional representation of one Minister and one Elder shall be allowed for each additional five churches. These persons shall be nominated by the Classes to the Particular Synod to which they belong, who shall have power to appoint them delegates to the General Synod; but, for good cause, it may appoint other persons than those so nominated; or, in case no nomination is made, may appoint the delegates for the Classis or Classes who shall have omitted to nominate. The body thus constituted shall be called "The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America."

SEC. 2. The removal of any delegate, during the period for which he was appointed, from the Classis which he was commissioned to represent, shall vacate his seat in the General Synod.

SEC. 3. The General Synod shall meet annually, at such time and place as they may determine; and twelve Ministers and twelve Elders, when regularly convened, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 4. The General Synod shall have original cognizance of all matters relating to the Theological Schools, the appointment of Professors, and their course of instruction; the appointment of Superintendents of said schools, and the regulations thereof; and shall possess the power of regulating and maintaining a friendly correspondence with the highest judicatories or assemblies of other religious denominations, for the purpose of promoting union and concert in general measures which may be calculated to maintain sound doctrine, prevent conflicting regulations relative to persons under church censure, by the judicatories of either denominations, and to produce concert and harmony in their respective proceedings to promote the cause of religion and piety.

To the General Synod belongs the power to constitute Particular Synods, and to make any changes in the same; to exercise a general superintendence over the spiritual interests and concerns of the whole Church, and an appellate supervising power over the acts, proceedings and decisions of the lower assemblies, relating to Christian discipline.

SEC. 5. When, in the circumstances of missionary fields, it shall be impracticable for a Classis to comply with all the requirements of the Constitution, the General Synod shall have full power to grant such dispensation as the wants of the case may demand.

SEC. 6. If circumstances should require a meeting of the General Synod previous to the next ordinary meeting, the President shall, on a joint application of six Ministers and six Elders requesting the same, call an extraordinary meeting at the place where the next ordinary meeting is appointed to be held, notice of which meeting shall be given to members of Synod at least three weeks previous to the time of such meeting, stating the particular business for which it is called, not, however, excluding the transaction of such other business as the Synod may deem proper.

ARTICLE X.

Of Customs and Usages.

SEC. 1. The Sacrament of Baptism shall, if possible, be administered in the church, or some other place of public worship, at the time of public worship; and the form for Baptism shall in every case be retained. But it is recommended that no private baptism shall be administered without the presence of at least one Elder, who shall accompany the Minister for that purpose.

SEC. 2. Every Church shall observe such a mode in the administration of the Lord's Supper as shall be judged most conducive to edification; provided that the Form for the administration of the Lord's Supper shall be read, and a prayer suited to the occasion shall be offered, before the members participate in the ordinance.

SEC. 3. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered at least twice a year, and it is recommended that the same be administered once every two or three months.

SEC. 4. For the purpose of uniformity in the order of worship, the following is to be observed by all the Churches:

1st. Invocation.

2d. Salutation.

3d. Reading the Ten Commandments, or some other portions of Scripture, or both.

4th. Singing.

5th. Prayer.

6th. Singing.

7th. Sermon.

8th. Prayer.

9th. Collection of Alms.

10th. Singing.

11th. Benediction. The order of the afternoon and evening services shall be the same as the morning, excepting the reading of the Ten Commandments. The last service on the Lord's Day shall conclude with the Christian Doxology.

SEC. 5. No Psalms or Hymns may be publicly sung in the Reformed (Dutch) Churches, but such as are approved and recommended by the General Synod.

ARTICLE XI.

Of Discipline in General.

SEC. 1. Discipline is the exercise of the authority which the Lord Jesus Christ has given to His Church. Its objects are the vindication of the honor of Christ, the promotion of the purity, and general edification of the Church, and the benefit of the offender.

SEC. 2. Nothing shall be admitted as matter of accusation, or considered an offence, which cannot be shown to be such from Scripture, or the laws and regulations of the Church.

SEC. 3. All baptized persons are members of the Church, are under its care, and subject to its government and discipline.

ARTICLE XII.

Of Offences.

SEC. 1. Private offences are those that are known to an individual only, or at most to a very few.

SEC. 2. Such offences are not immediately to be presented before a Church Judicatory, but the offender shall be dealt with according to the mode pointed out by our Lord in Matt. xviii. The same course shall be adopted in cases of personal or private injuries; but if, on due forbearance, these tender and Christian proceedings are unavailing, the whole matter shall be represented to the Judicatory, to which the offender is amenable.

SEC. 3. Informers who have not taken these previous steps, shall be considered as guilty of an offence against the peace and order of the Church, and be censured accordingly.

SEC. 4. Public offences are those that require the cognizance of a Church Judicatory, being so notorious and scandalous, that no private measures would obviate their injurious effects.

SEC. 5. When any person is charged with an offence, not by an individual, but by general rumor, the previous steps prescribed by our Lord, in case of private offences, are not necessary, but the proper judicatory is bound to take immediate cognizance of the matter.

SEC. 6. To constitute a general rumor, or *fama clamosa*, it is necessary—

1st. That it specify some particular sin or sins.

2d. That it should have obtained general circulation.

3d. That it be not transient.

4th. That it shall be accompanied with strong presumption of its truth.

SEC. 7. The following are to be considered as the *principal offences* that deserve the punishment of suspension or removal from office, viz: Heresy, Public Schisms, open Blasphemy, Simony, faithless Desertion of Office, or intruding upon that of another, Slander, Lying, Perjury, Adultery, Fornication, Theft, Forgery, Acts of Violence, Drunkenness, scandalous Traffic; in short, all such sins and gross offences as render the perpetrators infamous before the world, and which, in a private member of the Church would be considered as deserving excommunication.

SEC. 8. In admitting accusations against a Minister or Elder, the rule prescribed in 1 Tim. 5 : 19, shall always be observed, and accusers must come forward openly to support the charge.

circumstances, highly offensive, it shall be the duty of the Con
tory, in order to prevent scandal, to close the pulpit against su
criminal, and refer him to be tried by the Classis as soon as po
ble. The proceedings of the Consistory in such cases are at th
peril, and are not to be considered as a trial, but only a prudent
terference, and binding over the person accused to the judgment
his peers.

Sec. 10. In case of like offences by an Elder or Deacon, the C
sistory shall immediately proceed to his trial, and, upon convicti
he shall be forthwith suspended from his office, and excluded fr
the privileges of the Church.

Sec. 11. If any member of the Church shall be duly convicted
an infamous crime by any civil court, he shall, *ipso facto*, be s
pended from any ecclesiastical office with which he may be invest
and excluded from the privilges of the Church, until he shall ha
established his innocence, or manifested his repentance to the ec
siastical judicatory to which he is amenable.

ARTICLE XIII.

Of Process and Trial.

Sec. 1. Offences may be brought before a judicatory by individ
accusation, or common fame. In the former case the process m
be in the name of the accuser or accusers. In the latter, no pers
need be named as the accuser.

Sec. 2. In exhibiting charges, the time, place, and circumstan
shall be accurately stated in writing, that the accused may be
abled the better to defend himself.

Sec. 3. Great caution is to be exercised in receiving accusati
where there is good reason to believe that they are preferred throu
passion or improper and unchristian motive; or where the accu
is under censure, or not of good character, or has the prospect
temporal advantage.

Sec. 4. All citations shall be issued and signed by the Presid
or Clerk, who shall also furnish citations for such witnesses as m
be required on either side.

Sec. 5. A copy of the accusation shall be furnished to the
cused at the time when the citation is served; which citation sl
designate the time when, and place where, the accused shall put

his answer. Not less than ten days shall be allowed t
between the time when the citation is served and the
ceived; and no shorter period shall be allowed between
the answer of the accused and the trial of the case, unl
sent of all parties interested.

Sec. 6. When the accused refuses to obey the citatic
be cited a second time, which second citation shall alw
companied by a notice, that if he still refuses to appear,
and place appointed, he shall not only be liable to censu
tumacy, but that the judicatory will proceed to the trial a
of his case as if he were present.

Sec. 7. In cases where it is demanded by either par
mission of the judicatory may be appointed by it to take
at a distance; of which commission, and of the time ar
their meeting, due notice shall be given to all the parties

Sec. 8. To establish an accusation against any mem
Church, the testimony of more than one witness is requ
witnesses, after being sworn or duly affirmed, shall be e
the presence of the accused, and he shall be permitted t
amine them. Yet, if two or more witnesses bear testimc
different acts of the same general nature, this, if not disp
be considered sufficient to establish the accusation. Th
shall be faithfully minuted, and subscribed by the witn
this final form, with the sentence or decision, be ente
records; and the parties shall be allowed copies of the sa
own expense, if desired.

Sec. 9. No accusation shall be admitted unless brou
by the accuser within the space of two years after the cri
alleged to have been committed; excepting when it s
that unavoidable impediments prevented the bringing an
sooner, and at the trial the accuser shall not sit in judg
the case.

Sec. 10. No professional counsel shall be permitted
and plead in cases of process in any of the ecclesiastical c
in the trial of any case before a Consistory, a member of
may be employed to prepare and conduct the case on
And, in the higher Courts, if any accused person feel un
resent and plead his own case to advantage, he may requ
President may appoint, any Minister or Elder belonging
catory before which he appears, to prepare and conduct

he may judge proper. But the Minister or Elder so engaged shall not be allowed, after pleading the case of the accused, to sit in judgment as a member of the judicatory.

SEC. 11. Such as obstinately reject the admonitions of the Consistory, or have been found guilty of the commission of an otherwise gross offence, shall be suspended from the Lord's Supper, which act of suspension may be published at the discretion of the Consistory; and being suspended and repeatedly admonished without discovering marks of repentance, the Church shall then proceed to the last remedy, namely, Excommunication, agreeably to the adopted form, and conformably to the Word of God. But no person shall be excommunicated without the previous approval of the Classis.

SEC. 12. Before the Church proceeds to Excommunication, the obstinacy of the offender shall be publicly notified to the congregation, declaring his offences, together with the particular care and attention bestowed on him, by admonition, suspension from the Lord's table, and by repeated remonstrances. This procedure shall be comprised in three several steps. In the first instance, the name of the offender shall not be mentioned, that he may in some measure be spared. In the second, with the advice of Classis, his name shall be expressed. In the third, the congregation shall be informed, that, unless he repenteth, he will be excluded from the communion of the Church; so that, if he remain obstinate, his excommunication may take place with their tacit approbation. The interval between these notifications shall be at the discretion of the Consistory.

SEC. 13. When an excommunicated person becomes penitent, and is desirous of being again reconciled to the Church, such desire shall be publicly declared to the congregation, either before the administration of the Lord's Supper, or at some other seasonable opportunity; that if no objections are offered, he may, on declaring his repentance, be publicly re-admitted to a participation of the Lord's Supper, agreeably to the form appointed for that purpose.

ARTICLE XIV.

Of Appeals and Complaints.

SEC. 1. Any member of the Church conceiving himself to be personally aggrieved or injured by the decision of a Judicatory, may appeal therefrom to the next higher Judicatory. Also, a Consistory or Classis considering itself aggrieved by the judgment or censure of a higher Judicatory, enjoys the same right of appeal.

Sec. 2. Any one intending to appeal from an act or decision of a Judicatory, must at the time of the action, or within ten days thereafter give notice of such intention to the President of the Body from whose action he intends to appeal. Within ten days after such notice he shall send to said President in writing the appeal with the reasons thereof. On default of this, the appeal falls.

Sec. 3. An appeal made by a Judicatory must be made by it as such regularly convened, and the appeal with the reasons thereof must be sent in writing to the President of the Body appealed from, within twenty days of the action from which the appeal is taken. On default of this, the appeal falls.

Sec. 4. If an appellant give notice and satisfactory reasons to the President of the Judicatory to which the appeal is made, that he cannot attend at the next stated meeting of that Body, his appeal shall lie over to the next following stated meeting. But if he fail to appear, and prosecute his appeal without such notice and reasons, it is to be considered as relinquished.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of every Judicatory that has tried a case originally or by appeal, in recording its decision, to set forth at length the reasons thereof, that the record may exhibit as far as practicable, everything that had an influence on its judgment.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of any Judicatory from whose act or decision an appeal is made, to transmit a certified copy of the action appealed from, signed by the President, and countersigned by the Clerk, together with the appeal and reasons accompanying the same, to the Judicatory appealed to, at the next regular meeting thereof, and the papers thus transmitted shall be considered the documents in the case.

Sec. 7. An inferior Judicatory shall be permitted to send a commissioner to the one appealed to, for the purpose of making explanations relative to the case; it being expressly understood, that the original parties in the case shall have the same right of being heard in every stage of the trial, from one court to another.

Sec. 8. For all cases that have originated in the Consistory, the Particular Synod shall be the Final Court of Appeal, except when as many members of the Particular Synod, as there are Classes connected with the Synod shall, within ten days of its adjournment, declare in writing to the President that the case adjudicated is a proper one for appeal to the General Synod. In such case an appeal, if constitutionally made, shall be entertained by the General Synod.

SEC. 9. In order to prevent vexation and delay in the judicial proceedings of any ecclesiastical assembly by means of successive appeals in the progress of any trial or investigation, the party who may consider himself aggrieved by any decision, upon any incidental question which may arise before a final sentence is pronounced, may state his objections to such decision, and require to have the same noted in the minutes of the proceedings, to the end that he may avail himself thereof on an appeal from the final sentence. without arresting the progress of such investigation or trial. And in such cases every decision objected to, as well as the objections, shall be distinctly stated in the minutes of such assembly, and sent up with the appeal to the appellate Judicatory for review.

SEC. 10. Individuals who have voted in a lower court upon a case which is carried up by appeal, or who have prepared and conducted such case, shall not be at liberty to vote upon the trial of the appeal in the higher courts.

SEC. 11. If a minority or any member of a minority of any inferior Church Judicatory shall consider any subordinate decision or any part of the formal proceedings to have been so erroneous, as injuriously to affect the interests of truth or of vital godliness, they may present the same by way of complaint to the next higher Judicatory for its examination and decision.

SEC. 12. This complaint, if entertained, brings the whole record of the case under the review of the superior Judicatory.

SEC. 13. No such complaint shall be entertained except after notice given to the President of the Body complained of, and the sending of the complaint, and reasons for it, as prescribed in cases of appeal.

ARTICLE XV.

Of Rules and Amendments.

SEC. 1. The General Synod shall have power to make all such rules and regulations as may be necessary for carrying the foregoing articles into execution, except where provision is thereby made for that purpose.

SEC. 2. No alteration shall ever be made to the foregoing articles, but by previous recommendation from the General Synod to the respective Classes, and the consent of a majority of the same to such proposed alteration, together with the final declarative resolution of the General Synod for the time being; and the articles as thus determined and declared shall be and are the authoritative and only Constitution of the Reformed Church in America.

THE

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS.

THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA CONVENED IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., ON WEDNESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE, AND CONTINUED ITS SESSIONS UNTIL THURSDAY, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, D.D., the retiring President, who also preached the sermon before Synod, on the evening of the first day of the Session, from John 3. 30: "He must increase, but I must decrease."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.*

From the Particular Synod of New York.

From the Classis of Arcot.—Rev. Wm. W. Scudder, D.D.

From the Classis of Hudson.—Rev. DeWitt B. Wyckoff, Henry, V. S. Myers. *Elder*, Peter Piester.

Arrived on the Second Day.—Rev. Oliver E. Cobb, A. B. Riggs, George A. Mills, D. N. Van Derveer, J. S. Joralmon, J. C. Dutcher. *Elders*, James Pollock, James H. Masten, Cornelius Vedder, R. S. Voorhees.

Arrived on the Third Day.—Rev. Wm. T. Enyard, J. Kniskern.

Arrived on the Sixth Day.—Rev. Charles H. Stitt, Julius Hones, J. H. Pitcher, W. J. Skillman. *Elder*, J. J. Marlett (Secundus), to T. B. Mitchell, R. E. Nichols.

Arrived on the Seventh Day.—*Elder*, F. Elting.

From the Classis of Kingston.—Rev. Victor M. Hulbert, D.D., Philip Peltz, D.D., Charles H. Stitt, D.D. *Elders*, Daniel N. Schoonmaker, Peter Crispell, Jr., M.D., Simon L. Dubois.

From the North Classis of Long Island.—Rev. Wm. E. Davis, Charles I. Shepard, Oliver E. Cobb. *Elder*, Isaac Morley, Jr.

From the South Classis of Long Island.—Rev. Joseph Kimball, D.D., C. R. Blauvelt, Julius Hones. *Elders*, A. J. Beekman, Theodore Sturges.

From the Classis of New York.—Rev. Wm. Ormiston, D.D., H. D. Ganse, G. H. Mandeville, D.D. *Elders*, S. B. Shieffelin, Jonathan Sturges, A. C. Wood.

From the South Classis of New York.—Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D., Henry Mattice, W. T. Enyard. *Elder*, Wm. E. Lawrence.

From the Classis of Orange.—Rev. B. C. Lippincott, E. G. Ackerman, S. J. Rogers. *Elders*, Wm. Crowell, C. J. Mould.

From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Rev. H. Ward, A. P. Van Gieson, D.D., Peter E. Kipp. *Elders*, Sidney Schofield, H. L. Young, Sylvester Southard.

From the Classis of Westchester.—Rev. L. H. Van Dyck, J. H. Pitcher. *Elders*, Sanford Cobb, J. Pooley, M.D., T. Burwell.

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

From the Classis of Albany.—Rev. E. Mead, R. W. Clark, D.D., W. J. Skillman. *Elders*, R. H. Pruyn, G. W. Benjamin.

From the Classis of Cayuga.—Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, Martin L. Berger. *Elders*, D. Timmerman, Henry Babcock.

From the Classis of Geneva.—Rev. J. W. Warnshuis, P. G. M. Bahler, J. C. Forsyth. *Elders*, Abram Ditmars, E. F. Strong.

From the Classis of Greene.—Rev. Wm. H. Carr, B. Van Zandt, Wm. G. E. See. *Elders*, James Lewis, F. Elting.

From the Classis of Montgomery.—Rev. T. W. Jones, A. B. Riggs, J. Knieskern. *Elders*, James Pollock, G. Timmerman.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.—Rev. Wilson Ingalls, George A. Mills, James B. Campbell. *Elder*, James H. Masten.

From the Classis of Saratoga.—Rev. I. H. Collier, P. Furbeck. *Elders*, Lewis Rousseau, John C. Viele.

From the Classis of Schenectady.—Rev. J. A. DeBaun, A. G. Vermilye, D.D., A. Johnston. *Elders*, Cornelius Vedder, T. B. Mitchell, J. J. Marlett.

From the Classis of Schoharie.—Rev. J. H. Kershow, E. Miller Robert Doeg. *Elder*, Gerardus G. Merselis.

From the Classis of Ulster.—Rev. John W. Hammond, C. Blauvelt, D. N. Vanderveer. *Elders*, W. T. Swart, Wm. Eckert.

From the Particular Synod of Chicago.

From the Classis of Michigan.—Rev. A. T. Stewart. N. D. Williamson.

From the Classis of Illinois.—Rev. J. S. Joralmon, U. D. Gulick. *Elders*, B. L. Anderson, H. S. Voorhees, A. Hagaman.

From the Classis of Holland.—Rev. R. Pieters, D. Broek.

From the Classis of Wisconsin.—Rev. John Vander Meulen.

From the Classis of Grand River.—Rev. Jacob Vander Meulen. *Elder*, K. Brouwer.

From the Particular Synod of N. Brunswick.

From the Classis of Bergen.—Rev. J. A. Davis, W. R. Gordon, D.D., Wm. V. V. Mabon, D.D. *Elder*, William H. Strang.

From the South Classis of Bergen.—Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D., Theodore W. Wells, Wm. W. Halloway, Jr. *Elders*, John Brinkerhoff, James A. Williamson.

From the Classis of Monmouth.—Rev. A. C. Millspaugh, C. S. Hageman, D.D.

From the Classis of Newark.—Rev. Oscar Gesner, J. P. Strong, Isaac P. Brokaw. *Elders*, George L. Van Emburgh, James Browe.

From the Classis of New Brunswick.—Rev. Edward Lord, S. L. Mershon, J. C. Dutcher. *Elders*, Henry DeHart, J. V. D. Hoagland, Peter Cortelyou.

From the Classis of Paramus.—Rev. Wm. H. Clark, Marshall B. Smith. *Elders*, John W. Ferdon, John Sip, Edo Kip.

From the Classis of Passaic.—Rev. George J. Van Neste, Samuel T. Searle, Luther H. Van Doren. *Elder*, Charles Crane.

From the Classis of Philadelphia.—Rev. Gabriel Ludlow, D.D., Rev. Henry M. Voorhees, J. V. N. Talmage, D.D. *Elders*, P. P. Dilts, S. Finney, R. E. Nichols.

From the Classis of Raritan.—Rev. C. H. Edgar. D.D. *Elders*, Aaron J. Auten, Peter V. Staats.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D.D., was elected *President;* Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, D.D., was elected *Adsessor;* Rev. Marshall B. Smith, and Rev. W. W. Halloway, Jr., were elected *Clerks pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting of the Synod were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed.

On the Professorate.—Rev. H. D. Ganse, C. I. Shepard, John A. DeBaun. *Elders*, S. B. Schieffelin, James A. Williamson.

On Overtures.—Rev. V. M. Hulbert, Samuel J. Rogers, Wm. H. Clark. *Elders*, E. F. Strong, Charles Crane.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. Wm. V. V. Mabon, Geo. J. Van Nest, Henry V. S. Myers. *Elders*, Henry DeHart, Sylvester Southard.

On Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund.—Rev. Joseph Kimball, J. W. Warnshuis, James B. Campbell. *Elders*, A. J. Beekman, Henry L. Young.

On Foreign Missions.—Rev. P. Peltz, C. H. Edgar, J. C. Forsyth. *Elders*, Theodore Sturges, Isaac Morley, Jr.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. William Ormiston, W. W. Scudder, T. W. Jones. *Elders*, Peter Crispell, Jr., M.D., Lewis Rousseau.

On Education.—Rev. W. R. Gordon, Isaac S. Hartley, P. E. Kipp. *Elders*, William Crowell, Henry Babcock.

On Judicial Business.—Rev. R. W. Clark, M. L. Berger, Wm. E. Davis. *Elders*, C. J. Mould, James Lewis.

On the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds.—Rev. Benjamin Van Zandt, W. G. E. See, Elias Mead. *Elders*, Daniel S. Schoonmaker, Peter Cortelyou.

On Publication.—Rev. J. P. Strong, Samuel T. Searle, Theodore W. Wells. *Elders*, Wm. E. Lawrence, Wm. Eckert.

On Nominations.—Rev. B. C. Lippincott, Oscar Gesner, Henry M. Voorhees. *Elders*, A. C. Wood, S. Finney.

On Correspondence.—Rev. A. G. Vermilye, M. S. Hutton, Abel T. Stewart. *Elders*, Wm. H. Strang, Sidney Schofield.

On Accounts.—Rev. J. H. Kershow, DeWitt B. Wyckoff, E. G. Ackerman. *Elders*, Simon L. Dubois, Isaac Morley, Jr.

On Leave of Absence.—Rev. A. C. Millspaugh, H. Ward, U. D. Gulick. *Elders*, T. Burwell, G. W. Benjamin.

On the Board of Direction.—*Elders*, John W. Ferdon, Jonathan Sturges, Sanford Cobb, Robert H. Pruyn, Thomas B. Mitchell.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following Report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in Peter Hertzog Hall, at New Brunswick, on Tuesday, May 20th, at 12 o'clock M., and adjourned on Wednesday evening, at 11 o'clock.

Rev. David Cole, D.D., opened the meeting with prayer, and was afterwards elected President of the Board, and Rev. J. N. Jansen, Clerk *pro tem.*

The following members were present:

Rev. W. H. Ballagh,
Jos. Scudder,
H. W. F. Jones,
M. L. Berger,
Alex. M. Mann,
A. F. Munn,
Philip Peltz,
J. B. Wilson,
A. J. Hageman,
E. P. Terhune,
J. S. Himrod,
Rev. J. C. Dutcher,
Isaac Riley,
M. S. Hutton,
John Gaston,
John N. Jansen,
H. N. Cobb,
E. A. Collier,
Selah W. Strong,
J. A. DeBaun,
David Cole.

From the Report of the Professors it appears that the following students have been members of the Theological Seminary:

Senior Class.

Asher Anderson,
George W. Labaw,
Calvin E. Lasher,
Nicholas Pearse,
Richard A. Pearse,
Jacob W. Schenck,
Graham Taylor,
John C. Van Deventer.

Middle Class.

Aaron W. Benson,
James C. Garretson,
Andrew Hageman,
William N. Todd,
William Veenschoten,
John H. Wyckoff.

Junior Class.

Horace P. Craig,
Wm. H. Hoffman,
Wm. James Leggett,
Algernon Matthews,
Benjamin Cory Miller, Jr.,
George Adam Ries,
John Alfred Van Neste.

The Faculty state that Mr. John F. McLaury left the institution to enter the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member.

The Faculty make this gratifying statement, "The year has been made pleasant to us by the remarkable fidelity of the students. They have pursued their studies with commendable diligence: their deportment has been exemplary, and they have manifested a sobriety and earnestness that augur well for their future course when they shall have entered the ministry. It is also a matter for thankfulness that there has been no interruption to work, on the part of Professor or Student, produced by sickness or any other cause."

The classes were carefully examined by the Professors before the Board in all the branches of study pursued during the past year. These examinations were sustained to the high satisfaction of the Board. The results showed that the commendation bestowed upon the students in the report of the Faculty was abundantly deserved.

The Board had its highest expectations met in the teaching of the new Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, as well as in the more familiar labors of his Colleagues.

of the Senior Class were recommended to the Professors for t
al certificate, that they may apply to their respective Classe
censure.

The address to the students was delivered by Rev. Isaac
on the evening of the second day of the Session.

From the Report of the Standing Committee on the Peter H
Theological Hall, the Board was led to adopt the following ac

1. The interests of the Seminary have evidently been
supervised and carefully managed, and at no previous time h
financial and material prosperity been so evident and assured.

2. The term of office of the members of the Standing Com
on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall will expire at the app
ing meeting of the General Synod. But inasmuch as the
work for which this Committee was instituted is not yet fi
and cannot be for some time to come, and as its members ha
come familiar with the work in progress from its inception, as
who should take it up in its present stage could not be, and as
isting Committee have always managed the matters commi
them most acceptably and efficiently, there seems to your Co
tee to be not only propriety in, but almost a necessity fo
re-appointment. We therefore recommend that it be

Resolved, That the Board of Superintendents respectfully
the General Synod, in the interests of the Theological Semin
re-appoint the members of the Standing Committee on Peter
zog Hall to the same office for a further period of three years

3. As the Rector, Rev. P. J. Quick, has gratuitously prep
catalogue of the library, which has cost him long and patient
it was

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Board of Supe
dents be hereby tendered him for that very acceptable servic

4. The death of the late Chairman of the Standing Com
led the Board to adopt the following Minute.

The Board of Superintendents, in recording the death of
Suydam, the late Chairman of the Standing Committee on
Hertzog Hall, while expressing their uncomplaining submissi
the Divine will, would also record their deep sense of sorrow
removal of so earnest a friend of the Theological Seminary
all the interests of our Church, and of Christ's whole kingdo

They recognize with thankfulness the guardian love of the Head of the Church, in preserving a life of such consecrated zeal to such a ripe old age, and in directing the noble plans and munificent gifts of his last days to the promotion of the welfare of this Theological School.

They rejoice to record his name as one worthy to be held in remembrance and honor, even more enduring than the substantial and valuable edifice which will, they trust, hand down his memory to many generations.

Another bereavement has fallen upon the Board, in regard to which the following minute was adopted.

The Board of Superintendents would express its deep sense of the loss of the Rev. Martin L. Schenck, of the Classis of Ulster, and of the lesson given us by our Heavenly Father in the sudden removal of our late colleague.

We affectionately record our appreciation of our brother's genial and loving nature, and his earnestness in the ministerial work, whilst we recall the faithfulness and zeal with which he discharged his duties as a member of this Board.

In contemplating the solemn dispensation by which our brother was translated from active labor on earth to the heavenly rest. we rejoice that his work was well done up to the moment when God took him, and feel that our Master bids us be likewise watchful, looking to the end of our faith and service on earth.

Faithfully submitted,

PHILIP PELTZ,
S. W. STRONG, } *Committee.*
M. L. BERGER,

P. D VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk.*

A letter was received from Rev. S. S. Schmucker, D.D., on the subject of a Confederated Union of the various denominations, with an "Appeal," and "Plan of Union" in pamphlet form, all which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The following communication was received from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. (South,) announcing the appointment, by that body, of a Committee to confer with a Committee of General Synod, if appointed, on the subject of a closer union. It was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

LITTLE ROCK, *May 20th*, 1873.

Rev. P. D. VAN CLEEF, D.D.,

Dear Brother:

It gives me pleasure to discharge the duty of communicating officially to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America (through you), the following paper which was adopted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, at its session, this day. The vote was unanimous; was taken in the most solemn manner, *i. e.*. by all the members rising to their feet, and was followed by thanksgiving and prayer to God.

"*Whereas*, In a paper, officially communicated, the last General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, has notified this General Assembly of the unanimous appointment of a committee to consider carefully the desirableness and feasibility of establishing closer relations with our Church;

Whereas, The Assembly regards said notification as indicative of a desire on the part of the venerable Synod to enter into such closer relations, if the way be clear;

Whereas, This Assembly, on its part, cordially reciprocates this feeling, and knows of no more effective method than the method of conference, for ascertaining whether the two bodies are prepared for a nearer connection; therefore,

Resolved, That this Assembly do now appoint a committee, to be composed of the following named Ministers and Ruling Elders: Rev. B. M. Palmer, D.D., Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D.D., Rev. William Brown, D.D., Rev. R. K. Smoot, T. J. Kirkpatrick, W. H. Smith, A. M. Scales, whose duty it shall be to confer with a similar committee, if appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Church, for the purpose of ascertaining in what manner such more intimate relations may be established, and what ought to be the nature and extent thereof, and report the result to the next General Assembly.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this paper to the General Synod of the Reformed Church, to meet in New Brunswick, in June of this present year."

A true copy of the minute.

JOSEPH R. WILSON, *Stated Clerk.*

A communication was received from the Classis of Hudson, and another from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, requesting the Synod to approve and allow to be used in our churches the book known as "Songs for the Sanctuary." Referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An overture was received from the Classis of Paramus, suggesting to Synod the appointment of a Financial Agent to take the place of the Secretaries of the Boards, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An application for a dispensation from the rule requiring a Professorial Certificate, endorsed by the Classis of New York, was received from Mr. Samuel M. Jackson, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An application was received from the Classis of Paramus, requesting a dispensation for Mr. Gysbert Rietmulder, a Hollander, from the rule requiring a regular course of study, with a view to his immediate examination for licensure. Referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An application was received from the Classis of New Brunswick, asking a dispensation from one year in the Theological Seminary on behalf of Mr. James Harper, a member of the Senior class in Rutgers College. Referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication was received from the Classis of New Brunswick, requesting the General Synod to define the duties of the Board of Education in reference to receiving beneficiaries recommended by the Classes. Referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication was received from Rev. Herman C. Berg, expressing on behalf of the family of the late Professor Berg, their appreciation of the liberality of the General Synod.

A communication was read by Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, informing the Synod that the late Nicholas F. Vedder, of Utica, had contributed and placed in his hands ten thousand dollars to found a lectureship on "Modern Infidelity," to be paid to the Treasurer of the General Synod, for the benefit of the Theological Seminary, and of Rutgers College. The communication was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. A. G. Vermilye, Rev. M. L. Berger, and Elder J. V. D. Hoagland.

A communication was received from the Classis of Philadelphia, asking Synod for a decision in regard to the constitutional powers,

if any, vested in the Classis to dissolve the denominational relations of any individual Church under its jurisdiction, and was referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A memorial was received from the Classis of Bergen on the subject of assessments upon the Classes by General Synod, and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

Overtures were received from the Classis of New York on the subject of amendments to the Constitution, and a change in the basis of representation of the Classes in the General Synod, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

Special communications in reference to Constitutional Amendments were received from the Classes of Bergen, Holland, New Brunswick, Raritan and Wisconsin, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A letter was received from James Anderson, M.D., presenting on behalf of himself and others, wood cuts of the Seminary buildings at New Brunswick, with electrotype plates of the same; also a copperplate of a Professorial certificate for graduates of the Institution, with one hundred copies of the same. It was

Resolved, That the very hearty thanks of this Synod be presented to James Anderson, M.D., and his associates, for their very acceptable and valuable gifts.

The following communications were received from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

"NEW YORK, June 3d, 1873.

Extract from the Minutes of the General Assembly in session at Baltimore, Md., May 26th, 1873.

Whereas, we have long enjoyed fraternal relations with the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America commonly known as the Reformed (Dutch) Church, a body holding the same doctrines and polity with ourselves; and,

Whereas, we have reason to believe that an organic relation with said Church would be to the honor of Christ, our one Lord and Head, the extension of His visible kingdom, and to the better establishment of our common Presbyterianism.

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that a Committee of nine be appointed to meet a similar Committee from the General Synod of the Reformed Church, in case such Committee shall be appointed by that

body at its approaching sessions, for the purpose of conferring in regard to the desirableness and practicability of Union between the two Churches; and report to the next General Assembly.

A true extract,

EDWIN F. HATFIELD, *Stated Clerk.*"

"NEW YORK, JUNE 3, 1873.

This certifies, That the Rev. William Adams, D.D., L.L.D., Rev. Henry Darling, D.D., Rev. George W. Musgrave, D.D., L.L.D., Rev. Melancthon, W. Jacobus, D.D., L.L.D., Rev. Arthur Mitchell, George Junkin, Esq., Mr. Wintrop S. Gilman, Mr. William Rust, and Mr. Albert Small, have been appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, a Committee of conference with a similar Committee of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, in reference to an organic union between the two Churches.

EDWIN F. HATFIELD, *Stated Clerk.*"

A communication was received from Mr. David S. Jones, Elder of the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia, and Treasurer of the Church, and of certain Trust Funds, informing the Synod that said Church had been received by the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia, as a Presbyterian Church, without consent of Classis; and asking the advice and instruction of Synod in reference to his duty; and was referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An invitation was received from the First Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie to hold the next regular meeting of the General Synod in that Church, and was accepted.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The following Report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Treasurer's Annual Account, the Annual Digest, List of Securities belonging to General Synod, List of Endowed Scholarships, Education Fund Income Account, Widows' Fund Account, Widows' Fund Income Account, Hope College Endowment Fund, Hope College Income Account, Disabled Ministers' Fund Account, Expense Account, Estimate of Expenses for year commencing May 1st, 1873, the Van

Benschoten Fund Account, the Knox Fund Account.

The Report and accompanying documents were referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction, with the exception of the Widows' Fund Account, the Widows' Fund Income Account, and the Disabled Ministers' Fund Account which were referred to the Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Fund.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

The Board of Direction of General Synod regret that they are called upon again to report the decease of one of their number, in their esteemed and respected associate, James Suydam, Esq., who entered upon his rest on the 7th day of October last.

In the death of Mr. Suydam they feel that the Church is called upon to lament one who, in his life, was one of its most noble benefactors, and in his death did not forget its interests.

Your Board would report that they received from James Suydam, through the Rev. James A. H. Cornell, D.D., the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, being in addition to the Forty Thousand Dollars before acknowledged, and which makes the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars given by him to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, to endow his Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J. This entire sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars is to be securely invested, and the annual income or interest thereon to be used only for the support of the incumbent of said Professorship.

Your Board would report that they also received from James Suydam, through the Rev. James A. H. Cornell, D.D., Twenty Thousand dollars in bonds, being in addition to the Fifty Thousand Dollars in bonds heretofore acknowledged, to be applied toward the payments for the erection and completion of the James Suydam Hall. The bonds have been sold and the proceeds amount to $74,303 82. They are also informed that he has left, by will, to General Synod, other large amounts.

In thus enumerating the large benefactions of their respected and lamented associate, your Board cannot deny themselves the gratification of again expressing their sense of indebtedness to his liberality and love for our beloved Church.

He indeed is beyond and above our praises and our thanks, for we doubt not that he has received from the lips of the Great Head

of the Church, the glad plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Yet it gratifies our own hearts to be allowed to record our appreciation of the regard which he has manifested for the Church which he so loved, and our pleasure that his name will be held by her in perpetual remembrance.

Your Board would further report that they have elected Mr. Gardner A. Sage to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Suydam.

Your Board would report that there have been received the following bequests:

From the Executors of Jonathan R. Warner, deceased, the sum of ten thousand dollars bequeathed by him for the use of Domestic Missions, and a further sum of ten thousand dollars bequeathed by him for the Disabled Ministers' Fund.

From the Executor of Douw D. Williamson, deceased, the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be held in trust and invested in Bonds and Mortgages, or other good securities, and the interest thereof to be applied for the maintenance and support of the Professors of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.

Widows' Fund.—This Fund amounts to $35,612 08. The collections from churches, individuals, and interest during the past year amount to $1,596 18. Annuities have been paid from the Fund for the six months ending May 1st, and November 1st, 1872, amounting in the aggregate to $2,260 09. Two annual subscribers have withdrawn from the Fund the proportion of the amount of their former subscriptions to which they were entitled by the rules of the Fund, and one subscription of $500 has been withdrawn from the Fund.

Hope College Endowment Fund.—There has been received for this Fund during the year $362 23, and there has been paid from the Fund for expenses in procuring the endowment $119 55, and the Fund now amounts to $22,543 57.

Your Board would report that there has been received during the year from churches and individuals as Centennial gifts $208 65.

Your Board would report that the amount received to the 1st inst. on account of assessment of $20,000 made by General Synod in June, 1864, for the purpose of increasing the Permanent Fund of Synod, is $17,689 61.

The following Classes were in arrears on the 1st instant on said assessment, viz:

Classis of Greene	$133 08
Classis of Montgomery	91 30
South Classis of New York	79 95
Classis of Paramus	177 80
Classis of Rensselaer	59 59
Classis of Bergen	555 11
South Classis of Bergen	1,066
	$2,162 83

The following Classes were in arrears on the 1st inst, on the assessment of $4,000, directed by the General Synod in June, 1871, to be made on the Classes for contingent expenses and deficiency of income combined.

Classis of Bergen	$31 63
Classis of Grand River	47
Classis of Geneva	81 29
Classis of Holland	110 58
North Classis of Long Island	182 08
South Classis of Long Island	219 45
Classis of Montgomery	93 33
Classis of New Brunswick	94 15
South Classis of New York	74 17
Classis of Orange	158 89
Classis of Passaic	78 43
Classis of Philadelphia	89 91
Classis of Poughkeepsie	129 88
Classis of Saratoga	99 70
Classis of Schenectady	94 86
Classis of Wisconsin	105 74
Total	$1,691 09

The following Classes were in arrears for contingent expenses on the 1st instant, viz:

Classis of Montgomery	$26 50	
	35 79	
		$62 29

*Classis of Orange.....	116 43	
	35 25	
		151 68
*Classis of Paramus.....		283 01
Classis of Poughkeepsie.....		3 75
Classis of Saratoga.....	25 89	
	35 33	
		61 31
*Classis of Bergen		34 09
Classis of Geneva.....		41 56
Classis of Monmouth.....		23 29
Classis of Westchester.....		35 85
Total.....		$696 83

There having been no contributions within the part year for th reduction of the debt, the Board, as intimated in their last report have withdrawn ftom the Permanent Seminary Fund the sum o $9,700, being the amount received from subscriptions for repairs t the Theological Seminary, and placed to the credit of the Fun under the impression that the Church would otherwise provide fo the repairs, and to the extent of the sum so withdrawn have reduced the nominal amount of said Fund. This sum ($9,700), with $2,926 99, being part of a note given for a subscription for said repairs, together amounting to $12,626 99, being the sum advanced for repairs, and included in the debt of $41,309 48 reported on 30th April, 1872, have been applied towards the reduction of the debt, thereby reducing the amount to $28,682 49 for April 30th, 1872.

It is with regret that they are obliged to state that the expenditures connected with the Seminary for the past year, as directed to be charged, have exceeded the revenue applicable to that object, in the sum of $4,547 95, thereby making the debt of the Church on April 30th, 1873, $33,284 33.

In consequence of the omission of Synod, at their last meeting, to direct an assessment for contingent expenses, the Board assumed the responsibility of requesting the Treasurer to apportion an assessment of $1,400 upon the Classes, and they have the grati-

* There has been received since the 1st inst., from the Classis of Paramus, $100; from the Classis of Bergen, $34 09; from the Classis of Orange, $15 25.

fication of reporting that nearly all the Classes have cheerfully complied with the appeal, and removed the fears entertained upon the subject at the commencement of the year. The arrears of previous years for contingent expenses remain large.

The Board is constrained again to report an exhausted Treasury at the close of the financial year,—there being no funds to pay the salaries due June 1st next of the Professors dependent upon the General Fund, except a small amount of interest received since the close of the financial year, which can be divided among them,—and none for the expenses of the meeting of the Synod this year. The Synod will, therefore, perceive the necessity of immediate exertions for replenishing the Treasury, that the legitimate claims upon it may be met with punctuality.

The Board is so greatly impressed with the importance of speedy succor, that in order to place the Financial affairs of the Church clearly before the Synod, that they may be better understood, a statement relating thereto has been prepared, and is respectfully submitted herewith. For the convenience of the members of the Synod they have had a number of copies printed for distribution.

Our late and respected friend James Suydam Esq., having by an oversight omitted to dispose by his will of his interest in the pew occupied by his family, and the Synod being a joint residuary legatee of his estate, the Board would recommend that any claims that Synod may have to any part of the Pew No. 92, in the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church corner 5th Avenue and West 29th street in the City of New York, be relinquished to Mrs. Charlotte A. Suydam—action to that effect having already been taken by the American Bible Society, the other legatee,—and recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

Resolved, That all claims of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America on the Pew No. 92, in the Reformed Protestant (Dutch) Church, corner 5th Avenue and West 29th Street, in the City of New York, occupied in his life time by James Suydam, be and are hereby relinquished to Mrs. Charlotte A. Suydam, and that the Board of Direction be authorized to execute any necessary legal document that may be required to effect such object.

The term of service of John I. Brower, Treasurer, will expire at this meeting of Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. R. WARNER, *President.*

M. S. HUTTON,
JOHN VAN NEST,
GARDNER A. SAGE, } *Directors.*

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 30th, 1873.

Treasurer's Annual Account.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America in account with JOHN I BROWER, *Treasurer.*

1872.	Dr.		
May 17	To Cash paid annuities from the Widows' Fund, for the six months ending 1st inst.....		$1,157
24	paid the Building Committee of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, per Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer, toward expense of erecting the James Suydam Hall, at New Brunswick, N. J.....		28,000
30	paid the Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, for six months' interest to 1st inst, on amount of invested scholarships $2,366 49		
	for six months' interest to 1st inst, on Hope College Endowment Fund 760 18		3,126 67
June 3	paid the following Professors in the Seminary for one quarter's salary due 1st inst		
	Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.....	750	
	John DeWitt, D.D.....	750	
	Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D....	750	2,250
	paid Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D., for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod.....	250	
	for notices for special session of September, 1871.....	8	
	for travelling expenses.....	6 30	
	for postage for the year.....	4 50	268 80
6	paid the following persons for travelling expenses as Corresponding Delegates.		
	Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D....	42 26	
	A. B. Van Zandt, D.D.....	35	
	E. P. Livingston.....	41	118 26
7	paid Insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, for one year, from 9th inst.....		97 50
11	paid Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago, for traveling expenses, in attending the meeting of the General Synod this month.		308
	Carried forward.....		$35,326 23

1872.	Dr.		
	Brought forward.....		$35,326 23
June 15	To Cash paid the Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents.....	25	
	Expenses of the Board.....	3	
	for Binding Minutes of General Synod	1	
	Advertising	5	
	for expenses of meeting of Synod...	71 93	
	for travelling expenses as Corresponding Delegate.....	23 30	
			129 23
17	paid the following persons amount of appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund for the year commencing May 1, 1872.		
	Rev. Alex. C. Hillman.....	100	
	N. J. Marselus, D.D.....	300	
	Miss Marianne May.....	200	
	Rev. Hiram Slauson	300	
	John R. Brock.....	200	
	R W. Knight....	150	
	Mrs. Mary T. Searle.....	100	
	Rebecca Bogardus...	200	
	Rev. Alex. C. Hillman (additional)..	150	
			1,700
13	paid Parker Williams, for bill of 250 copies of the Constitution		100
18	paid Rev. Abraham Thompson, amount withdrawn from the Widows' Fund.....		30
22	paid Rev. C. N. Waldron, for travelling expenses as Corresponding Delegate.....		18 10
July 2	paid for insurance on three Professorial dwellings		90
26	deposited in the United States Trust Company of New York.....		20,000
30	paid Rev. P. Phelps, Jr., D.D., for expenses incurred in prosecuting the work of endowing Hope College.....		119 55
Aug. 1	paid Board of Domestic Missions, per John R. Smith, Treasurer, amount of revenue accruing from the sale of "Hymns of the Church," for the Church Building Fund...		352 70
17	paid for Insurance on the furniture and library in the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall		67 50
Sep. 17	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of Building Committee, toward the expense of erecting the James Suydam Hall.....		12,000
23	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary, for one quarter's salary due 1st inst.		
	Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D... ...750		
	Carried forward		$69,933 31

1872.	Dr.		
	Brought forward		$69, 933 31
	To Cash paid Rev. John DeWitt, D.D	750	
	paid Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.	750	
			2,250
23	paid Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D., for extra services and expenses incurred in filling the vacant chair Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Seminary, N. Brunswick.		1,000
	paid Rev. Richard H Steele, D.D., for travelling expenses as Corresponding Delegate		80
	paid sundry Clergymen for delivering lectures in course at the Theological Seminary New Brunswick		600
26	paid the Building Committee of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, per Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer, the balance of the proceeds of the sale of sundry bonds amounting to $70,000, received from James Suydam, as a gift to the General Synod, for the purpose of erecting a Gymnastic and Academic Building for the use of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., known as "The James Suydam Hall,"		14,303 82
	and amount of gift of James Suydam, for the extra stone work of the portico of said Hall		1,250
Sept. 28	paid expenses in removing the Rev. A. B. Van Zant, D.D., to New Brunswick		134 48
	paid for insurance on buildings connected with Hope College, for one year from 25th inst.		18 50
	paid Board of Domestic Missions per John R. Smith, Treasurer, amount of bequest of Jonathan R. Warner, (deceased), for the use of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America		10,000
Oct. 10	paid the Rev. P D. Van Cleef, D.D., for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod		250
10	paid the Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D D., for one year's salary as Permanent Clerk of General Synod		100
11	paid Samuel B. Schieffelin, (per Miller, Peet & Opdyke), ten thousand dollars amount of loan on Bond and Mortgage		10,000
14	paid for insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, for one year from 16th inst.		127 50
29	paid John F. Bauer, (per Miller, Peet & Opdyke), nine thousand dollars, amount of loan on Bond and Mortgage		9,000
Nov. 12	paid for insurance on buildings No. 46 and 48 Centre Street		65
	Carried forward		$119,132 61

1872.	Dr.		
	Brought forward		$ 119,132 61
Nov. 13	To Cash paid amount of annuities from the Widows' Fund, for the six months ending 1st inst..		1,103 09
15	paid Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, as follows, viz:		
	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on amount of invested Scholarships	2,700	
	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on Hope College Endowment Fund	650	
	for six months' interest to 1st inst., Parochial School Fund	425	
			3,775
16	paid Honora Rigney and John Rigney, her husband, (per Miller, Peet & Opdyke), eight thousand dollars, amount of loan on Bond and Mortgage		8,000
19	paid the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, per Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer:		
	for salary of the Janitor of said Hall for one year, to Oct. 16th	100	
	for fuel for same time	20	
			120
20	paid for insurance on the Library in the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall		45
30	paid the Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., for one quarter's salary as Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., due Dec. 1, being interest arising from the Fund contributed by James Suydam, for the endowment of said Professorship		863 67
Dec. 2	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary for one-quarter's salary, due 1st inst.. viz:		
	Rev. David D Demarest, D.D.	750	
	John DeWitt, D.D.	750	
	Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.	750	
			2,250
17	paid for insurance on the James Suydam Hall		262 50
30	deposited in the United States Trust Company of New York		3,000
31	paid the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, per Gardner A. Sage. Treasurer, for interest on the Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog		686 88
1873.			
Jan. 17	paid for insurance on the James Suydam Hall, Carpenter's risk		38
22	deposited in the United States Trust Company of New York		10,000
Feb. 4	deposited in the United States Trust Company of New York		5,000
	Carried forward		$154,276 75

1873.	Dr.		
	Brought forward		$154,276 75
Feb. 10	To Cash paid Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., for salary as Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, for the months of July and August, 1872		466 67
	paid Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., for travelling expenses as Corresponding Delegate		54 05
13	paid for additional Insurance on Hertzog Hall	67 50	
	James Suydam Hall	54	
	Professorial dwelling	63 75	
	Library in Hertzog Hall	54	
			239 25
20	paid Chas A. Soper, (per Miller, Peet & Opdyke,) Five Thousand Dollars amount of Loan on Bond and Mortgage		5,000
26	paid James L. Stewart, (per Miller Peet & Opdyke), Thirteen Thousand Dollars, for his assignment to General Synod of a Bond and Mortgage of the Ministers, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York		13,000
27	paid John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer Rutgers College, for one year's interest on the donation of Colonel Henry Rutgers of $5,000, to June 20th, 1872	337 50	
	for dividend on ten shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock	2	
			339 50
27	paid Board of Domestic Missions, per John R. Smith, Treasurer, for revenue accruing from the sale of "Hymns of the Church," for the Church Building Fund	48 67	
	one year's interest on $250 bequeathed by Jacob Van Benschoten, deceased	17 17	
			65 84
M'ch 1	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary for one quarter's salary due this day, viz:		
	Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.	750	
	John DeWitt, D.D	750	
	Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.	750	
	A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., being interest arising from the fund contributed by James Suydam for the endowment of the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology	953 25	
			3,203 25
April 4	paid Rev. C. Becker, amount withdrawn from the Widows' Fund		175
	Carried forward		$176,820 31

1873.	Dr.		
	Brought forward		$176,820 31
April 5	To Cash paid John Klinker, per Miller, Peet & Opdyke, Four Thousand dollars, on account of loan of $5,000, on Bond and Mortgage		4,000
10	paid Rev. Thos. W. Jones, Executor of Rev. David A. Jones, deceased, Five Hundred dollars, being amount paid into the Widows' Fund at one time by said Rev. David A. Jones, deceased, and now withdrawn		500
14	paid Delaware & Hudson Canal Co. for first instalment on five shares of the new capital stock of said Company		125
	paid for insurance on Hope College for one year from date		93 75
16	paid for insurance on three Professorial dwellings, for one year from 18th inst.		67 50
25	paid John Klinker (per Miller Peet & Opdyke) One Thouand Dollars, balance of loan of $5,000, made to him on Bond and Mortgage		1,000
25	paid John I. Brower, amount borrowed from him Oct. 4th, 1872	3,000	
	interest thereon	117 24	
			3,117 24
29	deposited in the United States Trust Company of New York		3,500
	paid John I. Brower, amount borrowed from him		1,017 36
30	paid John I. Brower as follows:		
	for one year's salary as Treasurer of General Synod	1,000	
	for postage, stationery and discount on uncurrent funds	46 38	
			1,046 38
	This amount apportioned to the following Funds, as per resolution of General Synod, viz:		
	Permanent Seminary Fund	293 95	
	Education Fund	238 25	
	Widows' Fund	255 23	
	Permanent Contingent Fund	5 57	
	Hope College Endowment Fund	65 27	
	James Suydam Professorship	175 61	
	Rutgers College	12 50	
		$1,046 38	$192,187 54
May 1	Balance on hand carried to new account.		7,906 50
			$200,094 04

1872.		Cr.	
May	1	By balance from last account	$7,106 35
	2	By Cash received for six months' interest to April 30th, on bond of $6,000	210
		for six months' interest to 1st inst, on bond of $8,000	280
		for six months' interest to April 1st, on bond of $10,000	350
		for six months' interest to April 1st, on bond of $6,000	210
	10	for six months' interest to 10th inst., on bond of $5,000	175
		from James E. Hedges $1,000, balance due on his note of $2 500 for Library of the Theological Seminary	1,000
	18	for six months' interest to April 29th, on bond of $15,000	525
		for six months' interest to May 1st on bond of $5,000	150
		for six months' interest to May 19th, on bond of $20,000	700
		for twelve months' interest to 1st inst., on subscription of $5,000, to the Permanent Fund of General Synod	300
		for twelve months' interest to 15th inst., on bond of $1 000	70
	21 to 23	for proceeds of the sale of 28 bonds of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company, of $1,000 each, James Suydam Hall Fund	28,696 86
	31	for interest on two bonds of $500 each	99 34
June	1	for six months' interest to date on bond of $20,000	700
	3	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of $15,000	525
	5	for six months' interest to 6th inst., on bond of $6,000	210
		for six months' interest to 6th inst., on bond of $2.500	87 50
	11	for six months' interest to 9th inst., on bond of $12,000	420
		from Thomas C. Doremus, balance due on his subscription of $500 to the Permanent Fund of General Synod	400
		from D. Jackson Steward, in payment of his note for the Library of the Theological Seminary	2,500
	15	for six months' interest to date on bond of $8,000	280
	17	from William Knapp in payment of his Bond and Mortgage	2,000
		for interest on the same	132 97
	29	for six months' interest to 23d inst., on bond of $5 000	175
		Carried forward	$47,303 02

1872.	Cr.		
	Brought forward		$47,303 02
July 11	By Cash from the following persons for twelve months' interest to May 1st, 1872, on their subscriptions to the Perm. Fund of Gen. Synod, viz:		
	David W. Wetmore	30	
	George W. Jewett, Executor of Estate of Cornelius Duryee	15	
			45
24	for six months' interest on bond of $5,000		175
	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on two bonds of Sioux City and Pacific Railroad		60
	for six months' interest to 1st inst. on $4,500 United States coupon bonds "1881" and gold premium thereon		154 41
25	from A. S. Barnes & Co. per Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D., Chairman of Committee on Hymnology, for revenue from the sale of "The Hymns of the Church" for the Church Building Fund		352 70
26	received from James Suydam, Twenty Thousand dollars, being in addition to the Forty Thousand dollars before acknowledged, and which now makes the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars, given by him to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, to endow his Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J. This entire sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars is to be securely invested, and the annual income thereon to be used only for the support of the incumbent of said Professorship		20,000
30	from Rev. P. Phelps, Jr., D.D., agent for the endowment of Hope College		225
Aug. 1	for six months' interest to 15th inst, on two bonds amounting to $18,000		630
2	for six months' dividend on 15 shares of the stock of the Del. and Hud. Canal Co.		75
3	for six months' interest to July 28th, on bond of $6,000		210
30	for six months' interest to 5th inst, on bond of $4,000		140
	for six months' interest to 5th inst, on bond of $5,000		175
	from Miller Peet & Opdyke, proceeds of Bond and Mortgage of Thomas D. Hoxsey, and David B. Beam, collected by them, amount of Bond and Mortgage	500	
	interest after deducting expenses	62 56	
			562 56
Sept. 11	for six months' interest to 10th inst., on bond of $18,000		630
	Carried forward		$70,737 69

1872.	Cr.	
	Brought forward	$70,737 69
Sept. 10	By Cash from James Suydam, for extra stone work on portico of the James Suydam Hall	1,250
14	for proceeds of the sale of sundry bonds, for erection of James Suydam Hall	11,686 31
18	from the Executors of Jonathan R. Warner, late of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., deceased, Ten Thousand Dollars, amount of bequest for the use of Domestic Missions 10,000 Ten Thousand Dollars, amount of bequest for the Disabled Ministers' Fund 10,000	20,000
20	for six months' interest to 12th inst., on bond of $3,200	112
24	for proceeds of the sale of sundry bonds, toward the erection of the James Suydam Hall	13,828 60
	for six months' interest to August 14th, on two bonds amounting to $12,000	420
Oct 4	for six months' interest to 20th inst., on bond of $8,500	297 50
	from John I. Brower, amount borrowed from him	3,000
9	for six months' interest to 6th inst., on bond of $7,000	245
14	for six months' interest to 16th inst., on bond of $4,000	140
17	for six months' interest to 21st inst., on bond of $5,000	175
18	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on two bonds amounting to $10,000	350
22	for six months' interest to 20th inst., on bond of $7,000	245
	for six months' interest to date, on two bonds amounting to $5,250	183 75
26	for six months' interest to 27th inst., on bond of $2,800	98
28	from United States Trust Company of New York, part of deposit withdrawn	9,000
29	for six months' interest to November 1st, on bond of $8,000	280
Nov. 1	for six months' interest to date on $5,000 balance of bond	175
	from Mrs. Mary W. Board, on account of her note of $10,000	500
7	for six months' interest to October 30th, on bond of $6,000	210
15	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of $5,000	175
	for six months' interest to October 29th, on bond of $15,000	525
	Carried forward	$133,633 85

	Brought forward		$133,633 85
Nov. 15	By Cash for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of $5,000		150
	for six months' interest to 19th inst., on bond $20,000		700
16	for six months' interest to October 1st, on two bonds amounting to $16,000		560
	from United States Trust Company of New York, part of deposit withdrawn		8,000
Dec. 2	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of $20,000		700
	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of $15,000		525
4	for six months' interest to September 23, on bond of $3,800		133
5	for six months' interest to 6th inst., on bond of $2,500		87 50
6	for six months' interest to date, on bond of $6,000		210
10	for six months' interest to 9th inst., on bond of $12,000		420
17	for six months' interest to 15th inst on bond of $8,000		280
	for semi-annual dividend on 23 shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock		4 60
28	from Mrs. Eliza C. Black, per Miller Peet & Opdyke, on account of Bond and Mortgage of Sarah L. and Leander L. Allen of $23,000	3,000	
	interest on the Bond and Mortgage	1,777 19	
			4,777 19
1873.	amount of Insurance refunded		85
Jan. 4	for six months' interest to Dec. 23d, on bond of $5,000		175
	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on $4,500 United States Coupon Bonds "1881" and gold premium thereon		150 86
	for six months' interest to 1st inst., of two bonds of Sioux City and Pacific Railroad Company		60
18	from David A. Williamson, Executor of Douw D. Williamson, dec., Ten Thousand Dollars, amount bequeathed to the General Synod, to be held in trust, and invested in Bonds and Mortgages or other good securities, and the interest thereof to be applied for the maintenance and support of the Professors of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.		10,000
Feb. 1	from John Mathews, in payment of his Bond and Mortgage	5,000	
	interest thereon	180 83	
			5,180 83
	Carried forward		$165,832 83

1873.	Cr.		
	Brought forward		$165,832 83
Feb. 1.	By Cash for six months' interest to January 28th, on bond of $6,000		210
3	for six months' interest to 15th inst., on two bonds amounting to $18,000		630
	for six months' dividend on 15 shares of the stock of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co.		75
5	from the Committee on Hymnology, per Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D., Chairman, revenue from the sale of "Hymns of the Church" for the Church Building Fund		48 67
15	from the Executors of Samuel Smith deceased, amount of his subscription to the Permanent Fund of General Synod	250	
	interest thereon, from May 1st	11 25	
			261 25
17	for six months' interest to 5th inst., on bond of $4,000		140
	for six months' interest to 5th inst., on bond of $5,000		175
20	from United States Trust Co. of New York, amount of deposite withdrawn	5,000	
	interest thereon,	8 89	
			5,008 89
25	from United States Trust Co. of New York, amount of deposit withdrawn	10,000	
	interest thereon from January 22nd	36 67	
			10,036 67
	from U. S. Trust Co. of N. Y., balance of deposit of $20,000 withdrawn	3,000	
	interest to December 1st, 1872	213 67	
	interest to February 25th, 1873	27	
			3,240 67
26	for six months' interest to 14th inst., on two bonds amounting to $12,000		420
27	from Board of Publication, one years' interest to November 1, 1872, on note of $1000	70	
	one years' interest to January 1st, 1873, on note of $500	35	
			105
M'ch 10	for six months' interest to this date on bond of $18,000		630
13	for six months' interest to 12th inst., on bond of $3,200		112
April 7	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on two bonds amounting to $10,000		350
8	for six months' interest to 6th inst., on bond of $7,000		245
9	from Rev. P. Phelps, Jr., D.D., agent for the endowment of Hope College, for Endowment Fund, as follows:		
	Carried forward		$187,520 98

1873.	Cr.		
	Brought forward		$187,520 98
	from Hope Church, Holland, Mich.	12 23	
	from W. L. M. Phelps	25	
	from Wm. H. Campbell, D.D	100	
			137 23
April 9	for six months' interest to May 1st, 1873, on $5000 balance of bond		175
10	for six months' interest to date on bond of $10,000		350
11	for interest on bond of Pequannac Township to January, 1873		22 50
15	for six months' interest to 16th inst on $4,000 balance of bond		140
21	for six months' interest to this date on bond of $5,000		175
	for six months' interest to 20th inst., on bond of $8,500		297 50
23	for twelve months' interest to February 8th, 1873, on bond of $500		35
24	for six months' interest to 22nd inst., on two bonds amounting to $5,250		183 75
28	from L. Stortz, in payment of Bond and Mortgage of John R. Lewis	2,800	
	interest thereon	98	
			2,898
29	for six months' interest to 20th inst., on bond $7,000		245
	for six months' interest to March 23d, on bond of $3,800		133
	from John I. Brower, amount borrowed from him		1,917 36
May	from the United States Trust Co. &c., for interest on Library Fund		700 77
	from the following Classes during the year, for contingent expenses and deficiency of income of General Synod, as follows viz: on account of assessment of $1,400 for contingent expenses for the year commencing May 1st, 1872:		
	Kingston	44 38	
	Michigan	11 98	
	Passaic	37 44	
	Schenectady	49 46	
	New Brunswick	44 32	
	South Bergen	27 39	
	Poughkeepsie	44 81	
	Hudson	34 95	
	Wisconsin	38 43	
	Grand River	28 48	
	Orange, on account	40	
	Raritan	59 10	
	Holland	37 53	
	Carried forward		$194,931 09

1873.	Cr.		
May	Brought forward		$194,931 09
	Monmouth, on account	1 81	
	Rensselaer	44 59	
	Ulster	45 46	
	South Long Island	71 88	
	Schoharie	19 78	
	Cayuga	25 08	
	Paramus	52 29	
	Philadelphia	44 47	
	Albany	62 95	
	Greene	27 47	
	South New York	33 88	
	Newark	37 69	
	Illinois	32 88	
	North Long Island	58 18	
	New York	102 16	
	from the following Classes for arrears for contingent expenses on the 1st of May, 1872, viz:		
	Classis of Saratoga, on account	85	
	Holland	27 10	
	Raritan	85	
	from the following Classes on account of assessment of $4,000 for contingent expenses and deficiency of income combined, directed to be made by the General Synod, June, 1871, viz:		
	Classis of Michigan	37 05	
	Geneva, on account	34	
	Cayuga	60 41	
	Greene	49 53	
	Philadelphia, on account	72 44	
	South Classis of Bergen	28 60	
	Classis of Monmouth	61 19	
	Grand River, on account	25 89	
			1,725 05
	received for the Widows' Fund during the year, viz:		
	Ref. Church, Flatlands, L. I.	14 96	
	" " New Lots	10	
	" " Spring Valley, N. Y.	3 75	
	" " Colt's Neck, Centennial	5	
	Rev. Alex. Thompson	5	
	Ref. Church, Syracuse	12	
	" " Mount Vernon, N. Y.	11 12	
	" " East Greenbush	14 35	
	" " First, Brooklyn	124 18	
	" " Geneva	14 63	
	" " Prospect Hill, N. Y.	25	
	" " Port Richmond, L. I.	10	
	" " Blooming Grove, Rensselaer Co.	5 75	
	Carried forward		$196,656 14

1873.	Cr.		
May	Brought forward		$196,656 14
	Collegiate Ref. Dutch Church, N. Y.	48 09	
	Ref. Church, Stuyvesant	6 65	
	First " Coxsackie	6 06	
	Ref. " Gravesend	8 28	
	Knox Memorial Chapel, N. Y.	6 50	
	Holland Ref. Church, Sayville, L. I.	5 25	
	Ref. Church, Astoria, L. I.	25	
	" " Saugerties	2 63	
	" " Tyre	5	
	" " Six Mile Run	20	
	" " North and Southampton	5	
	" " Rochester, Classis of Geneva	20	
	First Ref. Church, Glenville	3 70	
	Ref. Church, Flatlands	10 58	
	First Ref. Church, Van Voorst, Jersey City	2 41	
	Mrs. Francis T. Luqueer	15	
	Ref. Church, Griggstown	4 50	
	" " Berea, Orange Co.	5	
	" " Canajoharie	6 89	
	" " Clarkstown	13 25	
	" " Chittenango	6	
	Second Ref. Church, Poughkeepsie	17 71	
	Ref. Church, Wyckoff	5	
	" " Middlebush	11 45	
	" " Bushnell, Ill	13 35	
	" " East Greenbush	10 05	
	" " Middleburgh, N. Y.	4 83	
	" " Upper Red Hook	4 24	
	South Ref. Church, Brooklyn	5 65	
	Ref. Church, East New York	7 61	
	East Ref. Church, Newark	5	
	Ref. Church, English Neighborhood	7 62	
	First Ref. Church, Rotterdam	7	
	German Evangelical Mission, Houston Street, New York	15	
	Ref. Church, Colt's Neck, N. J.	5	
	" " Middleburgh, N. Y.	3 80	
	" " Manheim, N. Y.	3	
	" " Lafayette, N. J.	60	
	Fourth Ref. Church and Sabbath-school, Philadelphia	10	
	First Ref. Church of Hudson, N. Y.	15	
	Ref Church, Nyack	8	
	Ref Church, New Hackensack, N. Y.	7	
	Second Ref. Church, Claverack, N. Y.	32 34	
	First Ref. Church, Albany, N. Y.	2	
	Ref. Church, East Greenbush	9 58	
	North Ref. Church, Passaic, N. J.	15	
	Carried forward		$196,656 14

May	Brought forward.....		$196
	Ref. Church, Long Branch.....	5	
	Second Ref. Church, Newark.....	7 61	
	for the Widows' Fund during the year, where $20 of each amount is to apply to the credit of Pastors, as follows:		
	Reformed Church, 34th St., New York, the Rev. Isaac Riley, Pastor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Holland, Mich., Rev. R. Pieters, Pastor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Greenpoint, L. I., Rev. Alex. McKelvey, Pastor....	20	
	Broadway Reformed Church, Paterson, Rev. Wm. H. Clark, Pastor..	38 85	
	First Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa, Rev. E. Winter, Pastor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, New Utrecht, L. I., Rev. David S. Sutphen, Pastor.	21 66	
	First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, the Rev. R. H. Steele, D.D., Pastor.....	23 75	
	Reformed Church on the Heights, Brooklyn, Rev. David Inglis, D.D., Pastor.....	48 30	
	Reformed Church, Bedminster, N. J., Rev. Chas. H. Pool Pastor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Readington, N. J., Rev. John H. Smock, Pastor.....	29 02	
	Reformed Church, Flatbush, L. I., Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, Pastor..	44 44	
	Reformed Church, Addisville, Pa., Rev. Isaac Collier, Pastor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Branchville, N. J., Rev. Wm. Pitcher, Pastor	29	
	Reformed Church, 34th Street, New York, Rev. Isaac Riley, Pastor...	40 79	
	Reformed Church, New Paltz, Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., Pastor.....	20	
	First Holland Reformed Church, Paterson, Rev. James Huyssoon, Pastor...	20	
	Reformed Church, Gallupville, Rev. J. H. Kershow, Pastor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Yonkers, Rev. David Cole, D.D., Pastor.....	25	
	Reformed Church, Fairfield, N. J., Rev. E. N. Sebring, Pastor.	20	
	Carried forward.....		$197

1873.	Cr.			
May	Brought forward			$197,927 32
	By Cash received from the following clergymen during the year, for their annual payments to the Widows' Fund, viz:			
	Rev. Henry A. Raymond	20		
	David D. Demarest, D.D.	20		
	M. Swick	20		
	Joseph Wilson	20		
	Stephen Searle	20		
	P. D. Van Cleef, D.D	20		
	George H. Peeke	20		
	Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.	20		
	J. H. Bevier	20		
	Cyril Spaulding	20		
	John H. Duryea, D D	20		
	John Gardner	20		
	Isaac S. Demund, D.D.	20		
	B. C. Lippincott	20		
	W. G. E. See	20		
	A. H. Myers	20		
	W. B. Gilmore	20		
	E. Vedder	20		
	John L. See, D.D.	20		
	A. J. Sebring	20		
	J. R. Talmage	20		
	John A. Lansing, D.D	20		
	H. W. F. Jones	20		460
	received for the Disabled Ministers' Fund during the year, as follows:			
	from the R. Church, 34th St., N. Y.	21	07	
	Reformed Church, New Lots	5		
	" " Fort Plain	11	74	
	" " Stuyvesant, Centennial	10		
	Reformed Church, Fonda	10		
	" " Colt's Neck, Centennial	5		
	Reformed Church, Westerlo, N. Y., Centennial	6		
	R. F. B. of North Church, Newark, Centennial	50		
	Ref. Church, English Neighborhood.	25		
	Reformed Church, Syracuse	20	86	
	" " 6th Ave., N. Y.	10	60	
	" " Mt. Vernon, New York	11	12	
	Reformed Church, Greenpoint L. I.	5		
	Greenbush Church of Gallatin.	19	13	
	R. Church of East Greenbush	19	54	
	Reformed Church, Millstone, N. J., Centennial	30		
	Carried forward			$198,387 32

1873.	Cr.			
May	Brought forward			$198,387 32
	Reformed Church, East New York Centennial	100		
	First Ref. Church, Brooklyn	124	18	
	Ref. Church, Geneva	14	62	
	" " Prospect Hill, N. Y	25		
	" " Port Richmond, S. I.	10		
	Ref. Church, Blooming Grove, Rensselaer Co	5	75	
	Collegiate Ref. Dutch Church, N. Y.	48	09	
	Broadway Ref. Church, Paterson	37	67	
	First Ref. Church, Coxsackie	6	06	
	Ref. Church, Port Jervis	26	68	
	" " Gravesend, L. I.	8	27	
	Knox Memorial Chapel, N. Y.	6	50	
	First Ref. Church, Pella, Iowa	19	50	
	Second Ref. Church, New Brunswick	19	49	
	Ref. Church, Astoria, L. I.	12	75	
	First Ref. Church, New Brunswick	23	75	
	Ref. Church, Saugerties	2	64	
	Ref. Church on the Heights, Brooklyn	48	30	
	Ref. Church, Stuyvesant	4	05	
	Ref. Church, North and Southampton	6		
	Ref. Church, Readington, N. J.	29	03	
	Second Ref. Church, Glenville	2	80	
	Mrs. Francis T. Luqueer	15		
	Ref. Church, Berea, Orange Co.	5		
	Second Ref. Church, Freehold	18	76	
	First Ref. Church, Glenville	5	25	
	Ref. Church, Sayville, L. I.	4	25	
	Second Ref. Church, Poughkeepsie	17	72	
	Ref. Church, Flatbush	44	44	
	" " Wyckoff	5	35	
	First Ref. Church, Jersey City	127	12	
	Ref. Church, Bushnell, Ill.	13	14	
	" " East Greenbush	13	16	
	" " South Bushwick, L. I.	5		
	First Ref. Church, Claverack	15	41	
	Middle Ref. Church, Brooklyn	39	22	
	Ref. Church, Pompton	36		
	" " Schoharie	4	58	
	" " Acquackanonk	25		
	" " Middleburgh, N. Y.	4	83	
	Mebanesville Mission, N. C.		50	
	South Ref. Church, Brooklyn	5	66	
	Ref. Church, East New York	7	61	
	" " North Hempstead, L. I.	13	03	
	East Ref. Church, Newark	5		
	Ref. Church, Montville, N. J.	14		
	Carried forward			$198,387 32

1873.	Cr.			
May	Brought forward			$198,387 32
	Middle Ref. Church, Brooklyn	37	25	
	Ref. Church, Pottersville, N. J.	3		
	" " Fallsburgh, N. Y.	4		
	" " Fairview, Ill, Centennial offering	2	65	
	Ref. Church, Germantown. N. Y.	10		
	" " Upper Red Hook	10		
	German Evangelical Mission Church, Houston St., N. Y.	15		
	Ref. Church, Holmdel, N. J.	16		
	" " 34th St., N. Y.	20		
	" " Fort Plain	13	10	
	First Ref. Church, Paterson	26	50	
	Ref. Church, Castleton	24		
	" " Colt's Neck, N. J.	5		
	" " Middleburgh, N. Y.	3	80	
	" " Naumburgh, N. Y.	2	50	
	" " Manheim, N. Y.	2	50	
	" " Lafayette, N. J.	40		
	Fourth Ref. Church and Sabbath-school, Philadelphia	10		
	First Ref. Church, Hudson, N. Y.	15		
	Ref. Church, New Paltz	8	94	
	" " Nyack	10		
	" " New Hackensack, N. Y	6		
	Second Church, Claverack	33	82	
	Ref. Church, Yonkers	10	43	
	" " East Greenbush	10	70	
	North " Passaic	37	50	
	Ref. Church, Long Branch	5		
	Second Church, Newark	7	61	
	Ref. Church, Bergen Point	30		1,706 72
				$200,094 04
May 1	By balance on hand brought forward			$7,906 50

JOHN I BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1, 1873.

The subscribers, a committee appointed to examine the accounts of JOHN I. BROWER, Treasurer, have examined the same, with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance on hand of Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and six dollars and fifty cents.

P. R. WARNER,
GARDNER A. SAGE,
Committee.

MAY 28, 1873.

Annual Digest.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest as follows :

FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College amounted on April 1st, 1873 to ..... which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages upon property in the State of New Jersey.	$20,313	57
There has been paid to students, etc., out of the income of this Fund during the year.....	1,153	
Cash oh hand April 1st, 1873.....	426	23

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

The amount of this Fund. which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages in the State of New Jersey, is.....	$2,000	
There has been paid to a student out of the income of this Fund during the year.....	150	
Balance on hand April 1st, 1873	461	78

EDUCATION FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc.	$81,400	
Balance of principal, April 30th, 1873	37	16
Balance of interest received to April 30, 1873..... ...	3,197	92

WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc.	$35,000	
Balance of principal April 30, 1873.....	612	08
There has been paid to annuitants out of the income of this Fund during the year.....	2,260	09
Balance on hand April 30th, 1873.....	1,233	01

Amount of this Fund invested for General Fund	$82,191 38
Fourth Professorial Fund	30,537 66
James Suydam Professorial Fund	60,000
Donation of Colonel Henry Rutgers, deceased, held in trust for Rutgers College	5,000
Balance of Fund not invested	32,884 33
	$210,613 37
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at	180
Amount of subscriptions to the Permanent Fund upon which interest is received	5,750
Notes received toward the Endowment of the Theological Seminary, and for Library	21,300

PERMANENT CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund April 30, 1873	$2,029 52
Of which is invested	1,800

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

There has been invested for this Board on bonds secured by mortgage	$250
Balance of interest to April 30th, 1873	17 75

HOPE COLLEGE.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., for the endowment of this College	$22,400
Balance of Fund not yet invested	143 57
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1873	768 59

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

Amount of this Fund on April 30, 1873 invested on bonds secured by mortgage, etc	$11,000
Balance on hand April 30th, 1873	2,496 54
There has been paid from this Fund during the year	1,700

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgage	$10,000
And fifteen shares of the capital stock of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co.	

There has been received for dividends on stock and for interest, and paid to the Board of Education during the year ending April 30th, 1873	727 50

LEGACY OF MRS. ANN HERTZOG.

This Legacy, the interest of which is to be applied for repairs to Hertzog Hall, is invested upon bonds secured by mortgages, etc	$10,000

THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY.

There has been received for securing a Library, including interest	$37,161 51
And notes in addition to the amount of	10,000
And there has been expended for books	18,675

GYMNASIUM AND ACADEMIC BUILDING NOW KNOWN AS THE JAMES SUYDAM HALL.

There has been received and paid toward the erection of this building, by the Treasurer	$74,303 82

This amount being the proceeds of the sale of $70,000 of bonds donated by James Suydam.

ASSETS IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER.

Bonds and mortgages, and bonds and notes amounting to	$342,476 99	
Railroad bonds	2,000	
Three Township bonds	2,250	
United States 5-20 bonds	4,500	
Cash in Bank	7,906 50	
Deposites in the United States Trust Co	20,000	
	$379,133 49	
Advances for salaries, contingent expenses, and repairs of residences of Professors	33,230 44	
	412,363 93	

Certificates of fifteen shares of the capital stock of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co. belonging to the Parochial School Fund

Balance from last year	$28 82
Received for Minutes including arrears	900 31
	929 13
Paid for Minutes, Postage, &c	831 53
Balance on hand	$97 60

P. R. WARNER, *President.*

M. S. HUTTON,
JOHN VAN NEST,
GARDNER A. SAGE, } *Directors.*

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 28th, 1873.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

OF THE

GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

1872.		Dr.			
May	1	To balance from last account, being advances for salaries, contingent expenses, and repairs on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall			$41,309 48
June	3	To Cash paid Professors in the Theological Seminary for one quarter's salary due, 1st inst	2,250		
		paid Rev. D. D. Demarest, D.D., for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod	250		
		paid for traveling expenses, postage, &c	18	80	
	6	paid Rev. P. Phelps, D.D., for traveling expenses as Corresponding Delegate	42	26	
		paid Rev. E. P. Livingston, Corresponding Delegate	41		
		paid Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., Corresponding Delegate	35		
	7	paid for insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall	97	50	
	11	paid Delegates for traveling expenses in attending the meeting of General Synod	308		
	13	paid M Parker Williams, for 250 copies of the Constitution	100		
	15	paid Rev P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents $25, expenses $3	28		
		for binding Minutes	1		
		advertising	5		
		expenses of meeting of Synod	71	93	
		traveling expenses as Corresponding Delegate	23	30	
	22	paid Rev. C. N. Waldron for traveling expenses as Corresponding Delegate	18	10	
July	2	paid for insurance on Professorial dwellings	90		
Aug.	17	paid for insurance on furniture and Library in the Peter Hertzog Hall	67	50	
Sept.	23	paid Professors in the Theological Seminary for one quarter's salary	2,250		
		paid Rev. S. M. Woodbridge, D.D., for extra services and expenses incur-			
		Carried forward			$41,309 48

		Brought forward		$41,309 48
		red in filling the vacant chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology	1,000	
		paid Rev. R. H. Steele, D.D., for traveling expenses as Corresponding Delegate	80	
Sept.	24	paid sundry Clergymen for delivering lectures, in course, in the Theological Seminary	600	
	28	paid for expenses in removing Prof. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., to New Brunswick	134 48	
Oct.	10	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod	250	
		paid Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., for one year's salary as Permanent Clerk of General Synod	100	
	16	paid for insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall	127 50	
Nov.	12	paid for insurance on property in Centre Street	85	
	19	paid for the salary of the Janitor of Hertzog Hall, and fuel	12	
	20	paid for insurance on the Library in Hertzog Hall	45	
Dec.	2	paid Professors in the Theological Seminary for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst	2,250	
	17	paid for insurance on the James Suydam Hall	262 50	
1873. Jan.	17	paid for insurance on the James Suydam Hall, carpenter's risk	38	
Feb.	10	paid Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., for traveling expenses as Corresponding Delegate	54 05	
	13	paid for additional insurance on Professorial dwelling corner of Seminary Place and George Street, five years	63 75	
		paid for insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, one year	67 50	
		paid for insurance on the Library in the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall	54	
		paid for insurance on the James Suydam Hall	54	
March	1	paid Professors in the Theological Seminary for one quarter's salary, due this day	2,250	
April	16	paid for insurance on Professorial dwellings	67 50	
	25	paid for interest on borrowed money	117 24	
	30	paid John I. Brower, apportionment of salary as Treasurer	293 95	
				13,811 86
				$55,121 34

Cr.			
Brought forward			$55,12
By Cash received for interest, as follows:			
on bonds and mortgages	$6,795	98	
on bond, Sioux City and Pacific Rail Road Company	60		
on bond of Richard Speer	70		
on bond of Thos. D. Hoxsey and D. B. Beam	62	56	
on bond of Horace Bell	35		
on bond of Pequannac Township	22	50	
on deposit in Trust Company	36	67	
on subscriptions	359	25	
on Permanent Contingent Fund	12	30	
dividend on Bergen Turnpike stock	2	60	
	7,453	86	
By Cash received from Classes during the year	1,725	05	
for insurance refunded	85		
By amount of advances refunded	12,626	99	
			21,890
			$33,230

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer*

NEW YORK, May 1, 1873.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF GENERAL SYNOD, MAY 1, 1873.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

In accordance with resolution of General Synod, I forward an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised to meet deficiency in revenues of Synod for the year commencing May 1st, 1873.

EXPENSES RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Salaries of three Professors	$9,000
Salary of the Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents, and expenses	30
Salary of the Janitor of Hertzog Hall and fuel	120
Salary of Treasurer of General Synod, apportionment	300
Insurance on Hertzog Hall, the James Suydam Hall, Professorial dwelling, and furniture and Library in the Hertzog Hall, about	1,000
Repairs on Professorial Dwellings	500
Sundries	250
	$11,200
Estimated interest to meet the same	8,100
Estimated deficiency	$3,100

OTHER EXPENSES.

Traveling expenses of delegates from Particular Synod of Chicago	$396
Traveling expenses of Corresponding Delegates	300
Salary and traveling expenses of Stated Clerk	275
Salary and traveling expenses of Permanent Clerk	125
Expense at meeting of Synod	80
Sundries	350
Estimate to meet the same by assessment on Classes	$1,526

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1873.

The President of the Board of Direction presented on behalf of the Board, the following financial statement, which was referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction, and also distributed in printed form among the members of the Synod.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

THE Board of Direction would respectfully state, that from a desire to awaken the attention of Synod, and through it of the whole Church, to the necessity of immediate measures for the relief of its overburdened Treasury, and provide the means to meet all the claims upon the income of the Permanent Seminary Fund as they accrue, the accompanying succinct statement has been prepared, and is presented for the information and consideration of the Synod, with the hope that it may excite prompt and energetic action, and secure the needed relief, and thereby avert the necessity of a reduction of the salaries of three of the Professors. Should it become unavoidable to have recourse to such a measure, it would produce greater disparity in the compensation of the Professors than already exists.

P. R. WARNER, *President.*

NEW YORK, May 14, 1873.

STATEMENT.

THE Debt of the Church, which has been accumulating so rapidly within the few past years, and been productive of great embarrassment to the Board of Direction, by depriving it of the ability to meet engagements with former punctuality, has reached such magnitude as to render it indispensable to bring the subject distinctly before the Synod, and that with the hope that an interest may be enkindled which shall be extended to and pervade every part of the Church, and excite immediate and liberal action to remove the burden, and place its pecuniary affairs upon their proper basis.

That the difficulties under which the Board of Direction is laboring, and the causes which have produced the burden upon the Treasury may be understood, the following statement has been prepared, and will show that either ignorance of the actual condition of the Funds and the revenues therefrom, and the demands upon them, or

thoughtlessness on the part of recent Synods, have brought an evil upon the Church which may be calculated to raise the question of faithfulness to its engagements.

For many years past it has been necessary for the Board, in their annual Reports, to call the attention of Synod to the insufficiency of the receipts to meet the disbursements.

Previous to the year 1864, the claims upon the income of the Permanent Fund were confined to the salaries of the Professors with house-rent for one of them, (the other two occupying the wings of Rutgers College,)—the salary of the Janitor of Hertzog Hall, with fuel,—and the salary of the Clerk of the Board of Superintendents. All other expenditures were deemed and paid as contingent expenses, for which contributions were generally made by the Classes from year to year. It is true such contributions were not always sufficient, yet by occasional extra efforts the Treasury was relieved. Up to that time the income of the Permanent Fund was generally sufficient for the limited claims upon it, but when the rate of interest upon the investments was reduced, which sometimes was unavoidable, there was a deficiency, which was supplied by a little liberality in the contributions for contingent expenses.

At the meeting of the Synod in June, 1864, upon the Report of a Special Committee, the system which had been previously pursued was directed to be discontinued, and from that time the disbursements for contingent expenses were to be confined to the salary of the Stated Clerk of Synod, with postage &c.—mileage of delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago,—traveling expenses of Delegates to other Religious assemblages.—Sexton's Bill,—printing of Minutes, and interest. The printing of the Minutes was at the same meeting transferred to the Stated Clerk, who was to obtain from the Classes the necessary funds to pay for the same.

All the other regular and necessary expenses must be defrayed from the revenue of the Permanent Fund.

By this measure there was added to the claims upon the income of the Permanent Fund the larger portion of the salary of the Treasurer, with expenses, Insurance of the Buildings, furniture of Hall, and Library, necessary repairs of residences of Professors, and any incidental expenses which might occur in relation to the Seminary or the Funds.

Were the different trusts held by the Synod, conflicting or adverse to the interest of the Church, there might be some plausibility in the representations of the Committee which recommended and secured the change. But while the different objects for which the Funds are held in trust by Synod are intended for the promotion of the common cause, and the whole Church is interested in the success of them all, the revenues derived from the several funds should be confined to the objects for which specially contributed, and the expense attendant upon the management of such Trust Funds should be borne by the Church at large.

This action of the Synod, in apportioning the salary of the Treasurer upon the different Funds, and subsequently regarding the Church as *a charitable and benevolent institution*, instead of a *Religious incorporation*, and the several funds as for charitable purposes, has resulted in the removal of the Treasurer from the Board of Direction. The only person especially intimate with the minutiæ of the different Funds, and particularly entrusted with the management of the same, and relied on to preserve accuracy in their management, is forbidden any voice in the Board, and in the disposition of such Funds or the revenues therefrom.

If the Disabled Ministers' Fund and the Parochial School Fund may be classed among benevolent Funds, surely none of the others can be, and if the entire salary of the Treasurer was paid from the contingent expense contributions, as it ought to be, there would be no reason for his absence from the Board.

In addition to the salary of the Treasurer, the expense of insurance, and necessary repairs of the Professorial residences, until provided for otherwise, should be placed upon the contingent expenses of the Church.

The necessity of returning to the practice formerly observed will be apparent, when it is borne in mind that the entire income of the endowment of one of the Professorships, (except perhaps that portion of the salary of the Treasurer which, under the existing rule may be charged upon it,) is to be paid over to the incumbent, while the residue of the Permanent Fund, from the income of which the other three Professors are to be paid, has to bear all the burden of insurance and repairs, in addition to its portion of the salary of the Treasurer.

And when it is farther borne in mind that within a few years past there has been added to the possessions of the Church, four dwelling houses, the James Suydam Hall, a largely increased Library, and the enhanced value of Hertzog Hall, there can be no cause for surprise at the large sum required for insurance alone, which for the year just closed exceeded One Thousand dollars.

The Statistical report for the year 1863, the year in which the Special Committee was appointed, showed over 50,000 communicants in the Church: an average contribution of *five cents per annum* from each would have placed Twenty-five hundred dollars in the hands of the Treasurer to meet all the contingent expenses of that time. And at *this time*, with increased expenses, it surely could not be deemed oppressive to ask an average of *ten cents* per annum from each communicant to defray unavoidable charges.

When directing the change in apportioning the salary of the Treasurer, &c., at the meeting in June, 1864, the Synod endeavored to make some provision to meet the burden then placed upon the Income of the Permanent Fund, by directing an assessment of $20,000 to be laid upon the Classes for an increase of the Fund. Some nine years have elapsed since that direction of Synod was given, and a portion of the assessment then laid remains unpaid.

Although the burden thus placed upon the Permanent Fund was not immediately felt, it has subsequently been one of the causes of the debt now existing.

It was however, at the meeting of Synod in June, 1865, that proceedings were instituted which have more particularly produced the results under which the Treasury is laboring.

At this meeting the announcement was made of the gift of an Bond for $40,000, for the endowment of the Third Professorship, and of subscriptions to the amount of $40,000 in addition for the establishment of a Fourth Professorship.

In accordance with the conditions annexed to the gift of the Bond for $40,000, and accepted by the Synod, the Fourth Professorship was created and filled, and the salaries of the other three Professors raised.

By this act there was an addition to the former claims upon the ecoime of the Permament Fund of—

$700 per annum to each of the three Professors, or..	$2,100
Salary of Fourth Professor.....	2,500
House rent for "	500
Together amounting to.....	$5,100

To meet this increase in expenditure there was the interest to be derived from the $40,000 Bond, and when received and invested, the interest on the amount contributed for the Fourth Professorship. In July, 1865, one year's interest was received on the $40,000 Bond, and in September, 1867, another year's interest was received on said Bond, so that within three financial years only two years' interest, or $5,600 was received from that source. There being no hope of ever receiving any part of the principal of said Bond, or any further interest thereon, a statement to that effect was made to the Synod. which directed the Bond to be returned to the giver.

Of the $40,000 reported to be subscribed for the Fourth Professorship, the sum of $30,412 66 was handed over to the Treasurer in cash, bonds, notes &c., within the year 1865 66 : in 1869 and 1870, a further sum of $125, was received,—the balance has not yet been paid into the Treasury, and it is possible it never may be.

In addition to the aforesaid sum of $30,412 66, for the endowment of the Fourth Professorship, there was received between 30th April, 1865, and 30th April, 1867, the sum of $7,800 62 on account of the assessment of $20,000 directed to be laid by the Synod in 1864,—the two sums amounting to $38,213 28. And in addition there was received from other sources some $300, making the increase of the Fund during the two years $38,513 28.

From the preceding it will be readily seen, that when the income of the Permanent Fund, previous and up to the 1st of May, 1865, was barely sufficient to meet the salaries which prior to June, 1864, had been defrayed from it, no amount of interest derivable from the above named addition to the Permanent Fund of $38,500 could suffice for the burdens imposed upon the income by the acts of Synod in 1864 and 1865.

A brief statement will show how great the deficiency was becoming, when (after the one year's interest on the $40,000 Bond secured in 1866 to be paid, and which was received in 1867,) there

was no further interest to be obtained from said Bond, while the additions to the expenditures remained.

The salary of the Treasurer for 1866-67, as apportioned	$510	14
Premium on insurance paid in 1866-67.....	402	30
Additional for salaries of Professors.....	5,100	
Together amounting to.....	$6,012	44
Interest for one year on $38,500, at 6½ per ct.....	2,502	50
Annual deficiency by these items.....	$3,509	94

With the certainty of a large annual deficit before them, the Board of Direction, in their Report to Synod at the meeting in June, 1867, when stating the request of the giver of the Bond for $40,000, to be released from his obligation and have his Bond returned to him, appealed to the Synod for relief, and said:

"Your Board sincerely hope that while Synod comply with this request, they will make immediate provision to meet the deficiency thus created."

The action of the Synod upon this request would indicate a want of consideration of the effect which would be produced by the measure which they directed the Board to pursue in this emergency.

Instead of an urgent appeal to the Church for liberal contributions to relieve and sustain the Treasury until a suitable increase of the Permanent Fund could be secured, sufficient for the wants of the Treasury,—and to save the Board from recourse to a measure which could only produce still greater embarrassment, the Synod adopted the following as their answer for relief,—

"Resolved, That the Board of Direction of the Corporation be authorised to borrow on the credit of the General Synod, from time to time, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to pay the salaries of the Professors, and of the employes of the General Synod, as the same shall become due."

While thus seemingly providing for the necessities of the Treasury, by *authorizing* the Board to *borrow* money, it was compelling the Board to enter upon measures which have resulted in the severe burden now pressing so heavily upon the Treasury. With the fact before them of a deficiency of revenue, and the certainty of that deficiency becoming greater from year to year as the debt increased, the Synod gave no authority to the Board to mortgage any of their

property to secure the loans thus authorized,—and to obtain money from outside parties to meet the wants of the Treasury for the specified objects, as from time to time the funds might be needed, was deemed impracticable, the Board was therefore compelled to resort to the only alternative left them.

When money is borrowed, the payment of interest thereon of necessity follows, as well as ultimately the payment of the principal of the sum borrowed. But for neither of these objects did Synod make any provision.

At that time a portion of the investments of the Church were producing only six per cent. interest, while to borrow money from outside parties it would require interest at the rate of seven per cent. to be paid,—a difference of one per cent. against the Church.

In addition to the power so given to the Board of Direction to borrow money, the Synod also at this meeting (June, 1867,) authorized the Hertzog Hall Committee to *borrow on mortgage* a sum not exceeding Four thousand dollars for the purpose of finishing the Professors Houses, and also authorized the Board of Direction to execute the necessary papers to effect that object. As the use of a house was a part of the compensation of the Professors, and interest on money borrowed for the completion of his house would be expected to be paid from the revenue of the Permanent Fund, it was deemed for the interest of the Church to advance the sum from the Fund, and thereby save the expense attendant upon effecting a loan, as well as the difference in the rate of interest.

For the deficiency in the income to defray necessary expenditures it was believed that the interest of the Church would be promoted in some measure by borrowing from the Fund, and that with the hope and expectation that when the attention of Synod was called again to the subject there would be immediate action to cancel the debt so incurred and make provision against its recurrence.

At the meeting of the Synod in June, 1868, the Board in their Report said:—

"Your Board would call the special attention of Synod to the fact that the advances for salaries and contingent expenses now amount to about $4.000, and that as such deficiencies naturally and necessarily increase year by year, and as the burden really falls upon your Treasurer, it is extremely desirable and imperative that prompt and ample provision be made to meet it."

At this meeting the Board of Direction, in co-operation with the Committee on Hertzog Hall, were requested to raise $100,000 by subscription for completing the Endowment of the Professorial Fund, and the payment of the debt of Synod, with power to employ an agent.

In accordance with this request, a Financial Agent was appointed in the early part of 1869, and at the meeting of Synod in June, 1861, was announced that the first fruits of his labors was the munificent gift of James Suydam, Esq., of the sum of $40,000 for the Professorial Fund, which the Synod set apart for the endowment of a Professorship.

Although at this meeting (June, 1869), the indebtedness was reported to be (on April 30th, 1869,) over $5,000, and the income altogether insufficient for the expenditures, so that the revenue derivable from Mr. Suydam's gift, when paid, would be required towards supplying the deficiency of income for the claims already existing upon it, the Synod added $500 per annum to the salary of each of the four Professors, making a further draft of $2,000 per annum upon the revenue, to commence on the then 1st June, when they had the evidence before them that Mr. Suydam's benefaction would not be paid before the 1st September following, some three months or more after the date when the increase of salaries was to begin.

While, by the favor of a gracious Providence, the labors of the Financial Agent were greatly prospered, and he was instrumental in securing a large amount of wealth for the Church, including $51,955 for the Permanent Fund—of which the sum of $40,000, the gift of Mr. Suydam, has subsequently been set apart, and directed to be kept intact, for the Professorship bearing his name, and the income therefrom to be appropriated and paid over to the incumbent thereof,—there was only $11,955 of said amount added to the *general* Permanent Fund.

Although successful in securing nearly $400,000 for the Church, there were difficulties in his way which prevented his obtaining gifts for the reduction of the debt, and he has necessarily left that desired object to be accomplished in some other way.

With the reality before them of a fund insufficient for the burden resting upon it, the Synod, at this meeting, further reduced it by directing the Board " to relieve the Theological Professors from the

debt ($6,292.85) incurred by them under the authority of the General Synod, in order to complete the Professorial houses," &c.

In accordance with this resolution, the Board appropriated the sum of $5,867.85, which effected the object. This amount, as in the appropriation made in June, 1867, was deemed a legitimate claim upon the Fund, and was advanced therefrom.

The debt having reached some $15,400 on April 30th, 1870, with the prospect of a large addition, the Board suggested to the Synod, at its meeting in June, 1870, the propriety of soliciting a contribution of the small sum of *one dollar* from each communicant, which, if obtained, it was hoped would not only liquidate the debt, but meet all the claims upon the Treasury, until the Fund had reached such an amount that the revenue was sufficient for the ordinary claims upon it. The suggestion was adopted by the Synod, and the Board authorized to apply to the churches for the sum named from each communicant.

An urgent appeal was made in the month of September and October following, to each settled Pastor, and to each consistory where there was no Pastor, in this country, soliciting their efforts with the members of their several congregations, to secure the desired contributions. A *pittance* only was requested—the Master's cause was represented in the appeal, and in His name was the appeal made,—*yet*, apart from two or three churches which contributed very small amounts, *not one response was made throughout the entire Church. In no one instance was there a compliance with the appeal.* The result was a large addition to the debt, as the amount on April 30th, 1871, reached $22,273.57.

The efforts of the Board through that instrumentality failed to obtain relief. Their opinion that the burdens of the Church should be borne in part by every member, and that so lightly that none could be oppressed or inconvenienced by the share assigned to each, and that, at the same time, members of the congregation who are not communicants, might be allowed the opportunity and privilege of showing their willingness to aid in the operations of the Church in which they also are interested, and if possible, an interest in all the works of the Church be instilled in the minds of our people through so mild a measure, not having met with the approval of the ministry, and the consistories, necessity may compel a resort to means unjust and oppressive by requiring a few to bear

the burden, while the many will be relieved from a duty which equity and justice requires of them.

In their Report to Synod at its meeting in June, 1871, the Board in showing the inadequacy of the income for the expenditures, and the increasing indebtedness, said:—

"The expenditures which have produced this debt were directed by the Church through its representatives in the Synod, and were for services rendered, and for the promotion of its divers interests, the debt therefore is of the Church at large, and should be so regarded, and speedily liquidated,—an event which could easily be accomplished by a very small effort."

At this meeting (June, 1871,) the Treasurer was directed to assess for contingent expenses and deficiency of income, on the Classes of the Church, the sum of $4,000. The increase of the amount over the sum usually levied for contingent expenses, could have been applied towards interest on the debt of the Church, which, under the action of Synod in June, 1864, was to be provided for under the head of contingent expenses, while cheerfully paid by some of the Classes, has been withheld in whole or in part by others.

The debt on April 30th, 1872, was reported to be $41,309.48, but by deducting therefrom the sum of $12,626.99 paid for repairs to Hertzog Hall, which has been liquidated from contributions for repairs, which, under misapprehension, were credited to the Permanent Fund to the amount of $9,700, and now withdrawn therefrom, and from other provisions made for that object, the debt, so reduced, was $28,682.49.

The Board, in their Report to the Synod at its meeting in June, 1872, said:—

"From this expose the Synod will perceive that said indebtedness is an absolute reduction of so much of the Permanent Fund, so far as income therefrom should be derived; and that consequently the revenue from the Fund is altogether inadequate for the salaries of the Professors, and necessary expenses connected with the Seminary. . . .

"In the present condition of the Treasury, there are no funds on hand belonging to the Permanent Fund, to pay the salaries of the Professors, which were due on the 1st instant."

and of its inability to meet promptly and punctually the s
obligations of the Church, the Synod directed the Treasurer
certain claims without enacting any measures to provide the
sary funds for the purpose, and thereby added to the burden.

In thus endeavoring to bring the subject of the pecuniary
of the Church to the attention of Synod, it is with regret th
Board is constrained to add that the duties they are called
perform have become exceedingly onerous by reason of the
ingness of so large a portion of the Church to supply the
to enable them to fulfil its behests. And they feel that it is
sary that the whole Church should be awakened to a just sens
duties in regard to its monetary concerns.

To bring the necessities of the Permanent Fund, (exclu
the James Suydam Professorship,) with its present burden
clearly before the Synod, the following brief statement of t
penditures and Receipts for 1872–3 is given, and will sh
results of the year:

Expenditures:		
Paid Salary of 3 Professors.....	$9,000	
" of Treasurer.....	293 95	
" of Clerk of Board of Superintendents, &c.....	34	
Paid Janitor of Hertzog Hall, &c....	120	
" for Insurance of Buildings, &c....	1,034 75	
" Rev. Dr. Woodbridge for extra labors, &c.....	1,000	
Paid for Special Course of Lectures...	600	
		$12,
Receipts:		
Interest on Investments.....	$6,808 28	
" from all other sources.....	635 58	
		$7,
Deficiency.....		$4,
Received for Contingent Expenses....	$1,725 05	
Paid " " "	1,644 16	
Deficiency for the year....		$4,

This amount, added to the debt of $28,682 49 on April 30th, 1872, will show the indebtedness on April 30th, 1873, to be $33,230 44.

That the present condition of the Permanent Seminary Fund, with the revenues derivable therefrom, and the claims upon it, may also be understood, the following will more fully show:

Nominal amount of Permanent Seminary Fund, as reported on April 30th, 1873...	$210,613 37	
Less debt due the same from the Church.....	33,230 44	$177,382 93
Add, Legacy from Estate of Jacob H. Ten Eyck, received since the close of financial year.....		10,000
		$187,382 93
Deduct amount of Jas. Suydam Professorship.....	$60,000	
Deduct amount held in trust for Rutgers College.....	5,000	$65,000
Will leave the amount available for income		$122,382 93
Should further drafts upon it be avoided, the income of this sum at 6½ per cent. would produce.....		$7,950
Receipts from other sources, say....		350
Would amount to annually.....		$8,300
Should the salary of the Treasurer, Insurance, and Repairs continue to be paid from said income, in addition to the salaries of the Professors, Janitor of Hertzog Hall, and Clerk of the Board of Superintendents, the annual expenditures, as at present fixed, will probably be.....		10,500
Resulting in an annual deficiency of about		$2,200

To place the Fund (exclusive of the endowment of the James Suydam Professorship), upon a proper basis, and enable the income therefrom to meet the claims upon it, as now established by the Synod, there will necessarily be required a large addition to the present *available Fund*, and this could be supplied without much if any cost, by the Classes paying their present indebtedness, and a resort to the plan suggested to the Synod in 1870. If the entire Church would act upon said plan, there should be raised, with but little delay, a sum equal to $80,000 at least. The amount appears large, but when divided among 40,000 families, or 63,500 communicants, together with a large number of non-professors, it could not be *oppressive* in any instance, and with very little effort should be accomplished.

From such contribution an amount would be taken, after extinguishing the existing indebtedness, sufficient to increase the Fund (exclusive of the James Suydam endowment,) to such a sum that the interest would defray all the stated claims upon it.

Under this arrangement, the *General* Fund would be as follows:

Permanent Seminary Fund:

Amount available for interest on April 30, 1873....		$112,382 93
Add Legacy of Jacob H. Ten Eyck, received since close of financial year.....		10,000
		122,382 93
Also add arrears for Contingent Expenses	$2,387 92	
Add arrears for assessment of 1864..	2,162 83	
		4,550 75
Also, add from the general contribution amount of present debt.....	33,230 44	
And a further sum of.....	1,835 88	35,066 32
Making an aggregate for the Fund of..		$162,000

The interest on this sum would generally average 6½ per cent. per annum, which would yield probably $10,500, and therefore be sufficient for the claims upon it at the present rates of compensation, &c.

The balance of the sum which might be raised from the suggested plan, could form the foundation of a Contingent Fund, the interest on which would relieve the Classes, to the extent of the money

derived therefrom, from the annual assessment for contingent expenses, and ultimately, when the Fund should reach a sufficient sum, the annual assessments could be abandoned, and no further assessment be levied unless for some extraordinary contingency.

It will, however, be well for Synod to consider the increased expenses which will inevitably attend the acquisition of property already theirs, and that which they will acquire at an early day, and for the support and care of which there will be unavoidable outlays.

Could the aforesaid plan be accomplished, the Board would be relieved from a repetition of appeals to the Church for necessary funds to defray legitimate claims, and the Church be exempt from any annoyance on such account.

The calls which the Board have been compelled to make from time to time, by direction of the Synod, were for funds for the support of the work in which the Church is engaged. If the support of the Seminary and the other operations of the Church are the proper and legitimate work of the Church, in the support and extension of the Master's cause and Kingdom, every member of the Church should be at once brought 'to feel and acknowledge the accountability and obligations resting upon each to bear a portion of the expense which, at the most, would be light, and also to be prompt in the discharge of duty.

None should be allowed to indulge in the notion that, because another refuses or neglects to perform duty, he or she may also indulge in similar neglect.

Every member should be convinced that, while receiving so abundantly the bounties of a beneficent Creator, it is not only a duty, but a privilege, to render a portion for the service of so genrous a Benefactor. It is time the entire Church was aroused to the discharge of duty, and the abandonment of the practice so long indulged in, of seeing *how little each will do for the cause of Him who has done so much for them.*

The Committee on the Board of Direction presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on the Board of Direction have had the following documents, accompanying the Annual Report, referred to them for consideration.

Treasurer's Annual Account.
Annual Digest.
List of Securities belonging to General Synod.
List of Endowed Scholarships.
Education Fund Income Account.
Hope College Endowment Fund.
Hope College Income Account.
Expense Account.
The Van Benschoten Fund Account.
The Knox Fund Account.

The Treasurer reports that he has paid out and invested during the last year, ending May 1, 1873..... $192,187 54
And received during the same time..... 200,094 04

Leaving a balance in the Treasury May 1, 1873.... 7,906 50

The Van Benschoten Fund amounts to..... 20,313 57
The Knox Fund amounts to..... 2,000
The Education Fund amounts to..... 81,400
Hope College Endowment Fund amounts to..... 22,543 57
The securities in the hands of the Treasurer, belonging to the General Synod, amount to..... 371,226 99

The Treasurer reports that the sum of $1,526 will be needed to defray the traveling expenses of Delegates and Corresponding Delegates, and expenses at meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That the sum of $1,526 be apportioned among the Classes for this purpose.

The estimated deficiency in expenses relating to the Theological Seminary for the coming year is $3,100.

Your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution passed by General Synod in 1872, and worded thus: "That the amount already paid for the expenses for raising the Endowment Fund be charged to the portion of the Endowment Fund so raised," is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay over to the Board of Domestic Missions the sum of $250, now in his hands, belonging to them, the interest to be applied to their uses.

Resolved, That a separate list of the real estate belonging to the General Synod be annually transmitted to said body.

Whereas, The Board of Direction report that the income of the sum of $80,000 is needed to provide for the payment of the salaries of the Professors of the Theological Seminary, as at present fixed, and contingent expenses of Synod, including repairs and insurance of the property;

Resolved, That the Board of Direction be instructed and directed to employ such agent or agents as they may deem necessary to secure such funds.

Resolved, That all sums given for any specific purpose be invested, that the principal be kept intact, and income applied to the uses and purposes prescribed by the donor or donors.

Resolved, That the first moneys received for general purposes be applied to the extinguishment of the debt, and thereafter to the endowment of the Professorships, so as to provide them with the full sum of $3,000 each per annum.

Your Committee have had under consideration the communication from the Classis of Bergen, and recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod consider it unadvisable to reverse the action of past Synods in regard to apportionments laid upon the Classes, especially since a large proportion of the Classes have already responded to those apportionments; but that those Classes, which have not responded be no longer recorded as delinquent but be affectionately requested to pay their several proportions if they be able so to do.

Your Committee would further report that they have had under consideration the report of the Committee appointed by the last General Synod, to consider the feasibility of some plan by which a general fund shall be provided for the payment of the traveling expenses of all the delegates to Synod.

Resolved, That we consider this question of so much importance, that the time left for its proper and full developement is insufficient, and therefore request that the report be transmitted to the next General Synod.

JOHN W. FERDON,
JONATHAN STURGES,
SANFORD COBB,
ROBERT H. PRUYN,
THOMAS B. MITCHELL.
} *Committee.*

Resolved, That the resolution of the Synod of 1872, page 435. that "the salaries of the Professors be equalized as soon as Synod is able to do so," be and is hereby repealed; but should any individual or individuals see fit to add by endowment to one or more of the Professorships, the income of such additional endowment shall be added to the present salary of the Professor or Professors, to whose chair or chairs such gift shall be made.

Resolved, That that the Board of Direction be instructed hereafter to present their Annual Report to Synod in printed form, in numbers sufficient to supply the members.

Rev. Prof. John DeWitt, D.D., having announced that he had received a contribution from Mr. John Clark, of the First Church of New Brunswick, of Five Thousand Dollars, ($5,000), and also the promise of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, ($2,500), from Mr. Peter Cortelyou of Six Mile Run, towards the endowment, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That General Synod have heard with great pleasure the statements made by Professor DeWitt, and the announcemen that already there had been placed in his hands a contribution to the Endowment Fund of $5,000.

2. *Resolved*, That the thanks of General Synod be given to Mr. John Clarke, of this city, for his gift, and also to Mr. Peter Cortleyou for the gift of $2,500.

3. *Resolved*, That in the hope of enlisting the whole Church in this desirable effort, a committee consisting of three from each of the Particular Synods of Albany, New York, and New Brunswick, with the addition of the President of General Synod, who shall be the chairman, be appointed to act in connection with Professor De Witt, as an Executive Committee of General Synod, in awakening a due sense of the importance of the work—maturing plans, soliciting contributions, and if an agent be appointed by the Board of Direction, facilitating his labors.

The following are the names of the Committees from the Particular Synods, appointed in pursuance of the above resolution:

Particular Synod of Albany.—Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, Rev. M. L. Berger, Rev. A. G. Vermilye.

Particular Synod of New York.—Rev. Wm. Ormiston, Rev. David Cole, Rev. Charles I. Shepard.

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.—Rev. John L. See, Rev.

Wm. R. Duryee, Rev. W. J. R. Taylor. Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, *Chairman.*

The following resolutions were also adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be presented to Rev. Prof. DeWitt, D.D.. for his very efficient and successful services in behalf of the endowment of the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the Professors of the Theological Seminary be authorized and requested to procure such subscriptions to the endowment as may be in their power.

The following communication was received from Rev. Charles I. Shepard.

The undersigned has great pleasure in announcing to the General Synod, that he has pledges from individuals, in the amount of three hundred dollars each ($300), to the amount of three thousand dollars ($3,000), which will be paid into the Treasury of General Synod within a few days in order to equalize the salaries of the Theological Professors for the year that expired June 1st, 1873. It is their wish, therefore, that the amount be equally divided between Professors Woodbridge, DeWitt, and Demarest, without setting up thereby a precedent for like payments in future, unless express provision should be made for this purpose, which does not at present exist.

C. I. SHEPARD.

NEW BRUNSWICK, June 10th, 1873.

Whereupon it was

Resolved, That these gifts be thankfully accepted by the General Synod, and that the Board of Direction be directed to carry out the intentions of the donors.

The following paper was also adopted:

"The Synod having heard of the decease of Mr. James Suydam, of New York, desire to record their profound sense of the loss which the Reformed Church has sustained, in the removal of one of her oldest and most devoted friends; to make mention of their grateful appreciation of his large and varied benefactions to all her institutions; and to express their deep and tender sympathy

with his bereaved family. The generations that are to come will arise and call him blessed."

Mr. Gardner A. Sage was elected a member of the Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. James Suydam, and Mr. John I. Brower was elected Treasurer of the General Synod.

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.[1]

Reports were received from Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., Delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States; from Rev. James Le Fevre, Delegate to the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church; from Rev. Edward A. Collier, Delegate to the United Presbyterian Church in the United States; Rev. Chas. H. Stitt, Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South); Rev. Hervey D. Ganse, Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

These reports were all referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The credentials of Rev. John Eadie, D.D., LL.D., Professor of Biblical Literature and Exegetical Theology, and of Rev. Henry Calderwood, LL.D., Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Edinburgh, as Corresponding Delegates from the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Drs. Eadie and Calderwood appeared and addressed the Synod on the evening of the second day.

The credentials of Rev. J. B. Lee, and W. G. Morehead, Delegates from the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in North America, were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. J. B. Lee also addressed the Synod on the evening of the second day.

The credentials of Rev. John B. Thompson, D.D., as Commissioner of the Evangelization Committee of the Free Church of Italy, were presented and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. Dr. Thompson was received, and addressed the Synod on the

progress of Evangelical Christianity in Italy, whereupon the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with interest the statement respecting the progress of the Free Italian Church, and commend its work, especially the establishment of a Biblical College in Rome, to the Christian churches and people of this country.

The credentials of Rev. George W. Welker, D.D., Corresponding Delegate, Primarius, and of Rev. David E. Klopp, Secundus, from the General Synod (Triennial) of the Reformed Church in the United States, were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. Dr. Welker appeared and addressed the Synod.

The credentials of Rev. Matthew Prochet, Delegate from the Council of the Evangelical Church of the Vaudoise, were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. Mr. Prochet appeared and addressed the Synod.

The credentials of Rev. Wm. Adams, D.D., Rev. William M. Paxton, D.D., the Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, and Elder Wm. H. Jessup, Corresponding Delegates from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. Drs. Adams and Paxton appeared and addressed the Synod.

The credentials of Rev. E. T. Baird, D.D., Corresponding Delegate from the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South), were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. Dr. Baird appeared and addressed the Synod.

The credentials of Rev. Nevin Woodside, as Corresponding Delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. Mr. Woodside appeared and addressed the Synod.

The credentials of Rev. J. E. Rankin, D.D., Corresponding Delegate from the National Council of the Congregational churches of the United States, were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A fraternal letter was received from Rev. Dr. Rankin, stating that he was unable to attend the meeting of this Synod in person, and therefore conveyed the Christian greetings of the body he represented. The communication was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The following were appointed:

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America:— Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D., *Primarius;* Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D. *Secundus.*

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South):—Rev. Abel T. Stewart, D.D., *Primarius;* Rev. C. D. Hartranft, *Secundus.*

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church:—Rev. J. S. Joralmon, *Primarius;* Rev. R. Pieters, *Secundus.*

To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:—Rev. C. S. Hageman, D.D., *Primarius;* the Rev. B. Van Zandt, *Secundus.*

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:— Rev. J. A. De Baun, *Primarius;* Rev. C. I. Shepard, *Secundus.*

To the Canada Presbyterian Church:—Rev. G. J. Van Neste, *Primarius;* Rev. S. W. Strong, *Secundus.*

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church:—Rev. M. L. Berger, *Primarius;* Rev. John Vandermeulen, *Secundus.*

To the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States:—Rev. Wm. Ormiston, D.D., *Primarius;* Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, D.D., *Secundus.*

The Special Committee appointed by the last General Synod to consider the desirableness and feasibility of closer relations with the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South), presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee appointed by the General Synod of last year to consider and report upon the desirableness and feasibility of closer relations with the Presbyterian Church of the United States (South), respectfully report:

That although they have sought to inform themselves concerning the views of the two Churches on this interesting subject, they have acquired no general knowledge important enough to be laid before the Synod. Indeed they expected from the first to receive

their most definite information from the acts of the General Assembly which has just concluded its annual session at Little Rock, and this expectation has not been disappointed. Of the action of that body, the Synod has received official notice. It is as follows:

"WHEREAS, In a paper officially communicated, the last General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, has notified this General Assembly of the unanimous appointment of a Committee to consider carefully the desirableness and feasibility of establishing closer relations with our Church;

WHEREAS, The Assembly regards said notification as indicative of a desire on the part of that venerable Synod to enter into such closer relations if the way be clear;

WHEREAS, This Assembly on its part cordially reciprocates this feeling, and knows of no more effective method for ascertaining whether the two bodies are prepared for a nearer connection than the method of conference; therefore,

Resolved, That this Assembly do now appoint a Committee to be composed of the following named Ministers and Ruling Elders, Rev. B. M. Palmer, D.D., Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D.D., Rev. Wm. Brown, D.D., Maj. T. J. Kirkpatrick, Wm. Henry Smith, Gen. A. M. Scales, whose duty it shall be to confer with a similar Committee, if appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Church, for the purpose of ascertaining in what mannner such more intimate relations may be established, and what ought to be the nature and extent thereof, and report the result to the next General Assembly.

2. That the Stated Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this Paper to the General Synod of the Reformed Church, to meet in New Brunswick, in June of this present year.

On motion of Dr. Welch, Rev. R. K. Smoot was added to the Committee."

It will be seen that the very purpose of these resolutions is to provide for the mutual information of the two bodies in advance of all definite action, that no ulterior action whatever is proposed, except upon condition that "the way be clear," and that the whole nature of such contingent action be left to future consideration and decision. Your Committee accordingly see every reason in favor of the conference to which the above resolutions point.

Your Committee also take great interest in informing the Synod

that the Synod of Missouri is publicly stated to have appointed at its session in October last, "a Committee of three Ministers and two Elders to meet with similar Committees which may be appointted by the General Synod of the Reformed Church, and by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, to confer together with them in reference to the desirableness and practicability of the union of the three Churches. And if the way be clear, to take all necessary steps preparatory to such union, and to report the result of the conference or conferences to this Synod at its next regular meeting."

It will be plain to this Synod that if any results are to grow out of a conference between our own Church and the Southern Assembly, these results promise to be all the more interesting on account of this action of the Missouri Synod.

In view of these facts, your Committtee recommend that such Committee as shall be appointed by this Synod to consider the subject of federal or organic union, have power to confer with both of the Committees above named.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. GANSE, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

The following delegates to other ecclesiastical bodies, have reported the discharge of their pleasant duties: Rev. James LeFevre, Delegate to the Reformed Presbyterian; Rev. Edward A. Collier, to the United Presbyterian; Rev. Philip Peltz, to the Reformed (German); Rev. C. H. Stitt, to the General Assembly (South); Rev. H. D. Ganse, to the General Assembly (North) Rev. A. P. Peeke, to the Canada Presbyterian Church. Of these, the report of Rev. Philip Peltz gives valuable information as to the present condition of the Reformed (German) Church.

Of delegates from other bodies, the following have presented credentials:

Rev. J. B. Thompson, D.D., representing the Evangelization Committee of the Free Church of Italy, and Rev. Matthew Prochet, the Council of the Evangelical Church of the Vaudoise; Rev. John Eadie, D.D., LL.D., and Rev. Henry Calderwood LL.D., representing the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland;

also Rev. J. B. Lee, from the United Presbyterian Church in this country; Rev. George W. Welker, D.D., from the Reformed (German); Rev. Wm. Adams, D.D., LL.D., and Rev. William M. Paxton, D.D., from the Presbyterian Church (North); Rev. E. T. Baird, D.D., from the Presbyterian Church (South); and Rev. Nevin Woodside, from the Reformed Presbyterian.

A letter has been received from Rev. J. E. Rankin, D.D., Corresponding Delegate from the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States, regretting his inability to be present at the sessions of the General Synod, but conveying information respecting the Churches he represents, and also their Christian salutations.

We have, also, received official information from the Stated Clerk, of the appointment by the General Assembly (South) of an able and influential Committee of seven, to confer with one from our own Church, if such shall be appointed, on the subject of more intimate relations between the two bodies. A similar Committee of three from each Synod, fifteen members in all, has been designated by the Reformed (German) Church. Also, one of nine from the General Assembly (North).

As the Synod has already had the great pleasure of listening to these representatives of so many different branches of the Church at home and abroad, and of exchanging fraternal greetings with them, your Committee have only to offer the following resolution, in addition to one already passed in relation to the Free Church of Italy:

Resolved, That as it is impracticable at present to secure delegates who will be likely to attend the sessions of the Churches abroad, the President and Clerk of Synod be and hereby are authorized to give credentials to any suitable delegates, clerical and lay, who may be abroad at the time, and who may represent us and return our hearty salutations to these churches of Italy and Scotland.

To your Committee has also been referred a "Fraternal Appeal" and pamphlet emanating from the venerable Dr. Schmucker of Gettysburgh, and others of standing in the churches, on the subject of a "Voluntary, Advisory Confederation;" the parties in which shall be the Evangelical Alliance, and delegates chosen by the highest judicatories in each denomination; the objects of which shall be to pro-

mental communion and recognition among Christians, to devise means for correcting political corruption, and for other kindred purposes. To this end, they suggest and desire that a delegation of about twenty-five members, clerical and lay, be sent by this body to attend, and represent it in the meetings of the Evangelical Alliance this fall.

This is one form of union, regarding which your Committee can only at present offer the following thoughts. The Evangelical Alliance is a voluntary, irresponsible body, amenable to no ecclesiastical organization for its opinions and measures. Whether it would be wise for the Alliance itself to abandon this free position, and bring in elements, by their very appointment denominational, we do not enquire. But on the side of the judicatory, it seems to your Committee that such an appointment of delegates would be committing itself in some measure beforehand to follow wherever the Convention might lead. It would be creating an outside pressure on itself, and through it on the Churches, on subjects some of them delicate, admitting of wide divergence of opinion, and before the judicatory could act in its own behalf. Or if, as might quickly happen, a difference of opinion and recommendation should occur between the two bodies, the very attempt at union in such form might cause greater division. Highly important, therefore, and dear to the Christian heart, as are many or all of the objects proposed, we do not recommend any resolution looking to present action by this Synod.

The principal subject referred to us, is undoubtedly the more solid union proposed to our Church by the two General Assemblies North and South, and the Reformed (German) Church. As this matter cannot be decided by us, nor by this Synod, it would be competent for your Committee simply to recommend the appointment of Conference Committees in response to the action of these three bodies. Respect for these great Christian brotherhoods, however, the earnest and delightful manner in which the subject of union has been presented by their delegates in turn, and it may be the better guidance of our own Committees, seem to call for some more extended response by this the highest judicatory of our own Church, to which these overtures have been made. As their delegates have in turn touched the chord of our Christian sympathy,

we have felt the grandeur of their mission, the grandeur of the subject, and have been swayed from one to the other, nay, to a union with them all. But this momentous question must be decided, not by feeling or leanings alone, but by a practical Christian common sense, studying submissively the leadings of Divine Providence. Many thoughts come up, on a broad view, of which your Committee may suggest a few, taken from a Reformed (Dutch) standpoint. First and foremost, then, for us at least to consider, is the question, Has our Church fulfilled her mission? From this time forward, can she work best independently or in connection with some other? A small church is not necessarily a weak or useless church, as the Moravians have shown; and union might even impair the vigor of her activity. But if, for any cause, the spirit of her people flags, and principles or reasons once operative to make her distinctive and awaken her energies, no longer operate, then must a small church gradually disintegrate, and die. Has our own old and beloved Zion reached this point, when she has, or feels that she has, nothing to do, or nothing she can do so well, apart from some other kindred body? Is that her spirit? Have her activities exhausted themselves? We rejoice in the full conviction, strengthened by the events of this very Synod, that this is not so. For were it so, no history, no past, no pride of position or name, could long, (perhaps, we may say, should) keep her from disintegration. And what, in that case, the finger of God upon her own pulse would indicate to be best, had better be done as quickly as may be, for delay would be slow death.

But if union be desirable, or indicated by Providence, then in what form, and with whom? With whom may we best work and grow? Near us is the Church North, inviting our Christian fellowship. We live among them. We should have their help, fellowship, and part in their great organization, which we should swell by our own dowry of wealth and numbers, devoted to a common cause; while we should economize, by diminishing, our agencies. But there are difficulties of contiguous Colleges and Seminaries, not insuperable, as we think we can see. Still, we should lose our history, name and identity. Are we prepared for this? Can we carry our churches in bulk, East and West, to them; or, by rending old attachments, shall we create a schism in healing one?

Farther off, our Southern brethren earnestly urge union. It

would not affect our institutions, and would perhaps preserve and give great strength to our name. But, if the Union be organic, to reach them, we must go to them across the continent, with the great body of the Northern Church between them and us. Would the union strengthen us at the North, or we them at the South; or how might it bear upon the Great West? and how would it affect our relations with others nearer, whose advances we must therefore decline? These are questions of no slight import, which any practically Christian consideration of the subject will necessarily embrace.

Nearer us, again, lies the Reformed (German) Church, like Germany beside Holland; kindred in lineage, in name, in doctrine (with perhaps some exceptions), and working among that great, industrious, sturdy, and intelligent population that will so largely influence the future of our Republic. Immediately, it would bring us no great increase of strength, except through increase of numbers; for it is the Macedonian cry they bring to us, "Come over and help us" in the great work of evangelizing a population subject to many opposite influences. But here is a work, large and important; is it the work to which Providence calls us?

Finally, in this connection, in view of the position of responsibility and honor in which these fraternal advances of these three kindred bodies have placed our Church, and in view of the love and respect we bear to them all, and the entire amity which exists between us and them all, so that we can discuss these great subjects with them frankly and fully, your Committee have indulged the pleasing thought, whether, though our own Church be the smallest of all, she might not, whilst accomplishing desirable unions, with their mutual and cordial concurrence, engraft whatever is historical and praiseworthy in her own modes upon that noble American Church of the future which their unions would form; and be like the wife and mother, who, though she lovingly resigns her own separate life, impresses her character indelibly upon those whom she thus gathers round her in one family, and goes down to posterity in a heritage of traits unmistakably hers.

Two modes have presented themselves in reference to the appointment of Committees to meet those appointed to us, consisting of some of the ablest and best men in the three denominations; either, to appoint a separate committee for each, or, one large com-

mittee, which may subdivide as required. Feeling the importance of having a report which shall embrace the whole field, rather than reports drawn from a single line of thought, your Committee propose the following:

Resolved, That a Committee of fifteen, composed of ministers and elders, be appointed to take into consideration the whole subject of union, federal or organic, and confer with the Committees appointed by the General Assemblies North and South, and the Reformed (German) Church; and report at the next General Synod

Respectfully submitted.

A. G. VERMILYE, *Chairman*.

The following Committee was appointed in pursuance of the foregoing recommendation, the number having been increased by vote of the Synod.

Revs. H. D. Ganse, Joachim Elmendorf, A. B. Van Zandt, P. D. Van Cleef, Elbert S. Porter, E. T. Corwin, A. G. Vermilye, W. R. Gordon, R. Pieters, A. P. Van Gieson, Rufus W. Clark, William Ormiston, William J. R. Taylor, Philip Peltz, Messrs. Robert H. Pruyn, Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, Frederick Hughson, William J. Bacon, Jonathan Sturges, S. R. W. Heath.

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORT.

The Committee on the State of Religion presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee have carefully examined the reports of the four Particular Synods on the subject assigned to them, also a paper from the Classis of Michigan on "*Profane Swearing*," and beg leave to make the following report:

All the Classes seem to have sent reports to the Synod, containing a record of nearly all the churches under their care, and the general tone pervading most of these is healthy and hopeful. They present most gratifying and encouraging evidence of prosperity and growth. Some breathe a more desponding spirit, and speak of sowing in tears, yet in hope; a few make mention of a specially gracious visitation, and rejoice as with the joy of harvest. Throughout the entire Church there appears to be a spirit of

earnest consecration, diligent devotedness, and prayerful expectation. In many places attendance on the ordinances of public worship has greatly increased, in some new houses of worship have been erected, in others, the old ones have been enlarged or improved, and in not a few instances has indebtedness been removed or greatly diminished. Sabbath-schools are reported as numerously attended and under efficient management; in many of them goodly numbers have united with the Church as members in full communion.

The Synod of Chicago speaks gratefully and hopefully of the work during the past year, of cheering success amid severe trials, and of enlarging fields of labor and usefulness, and they make an earnest appeal for additional aid to carry on their work. We make an extract from the report of the Classis of Illinois, which requests the General Synod to make arrangements by which the Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions might be able personally to visit the missionary churches in the western field. They say,

"We find our work growing upon our hands far beyond our means, either in money or men, to carry it forward. We have been admonished by the Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, that the calls from the Classis of Illinois are somewhat startling: that we must hold down hard on them, and revise wherever it is possible. We know not what *to do* in this matter, but we feel constrained *to speak*. Our Pastors and Missionaries, without an exception, are living upon salaries below what is necessary to free them from care, and furnish them with books and facilities for study required by the demands of the times. A retrenchment of expenditures of the funds of the Board, at any point within our limits would result in dismissing the Missionary and closing the doors of the sanctuary. A refusal to listen to new calls for help coming from promising localities, or a hesitation in urging these calls upon the Board, would be closing doors which God is opening up on the right hand and on the left. The responsibility of this act we are not prepared to take. We should not take it. We must forward these appeals for help, that the Church may know our needs. The Board must say, We cannot help you.

And now we call loudly for *more help*, both of men and means. There is no limit to the amount of work that might be successfully and speedily accomplished, if our resources were equal to our need.

of our Church should be informed, through the Board, what a glorious opportunity the Master is spreading before them here, and then the cause would move onward with accelerated speed. The Board stands between us and the benevolence of the Church. We stand between the Board and the work. Feeling our responsibilities connected with our different departments of labor in this missionary work, and deploring what has been remiss, let us mutually pledge ourselves to a new departure."

From the statistics furnished we offer the following abstract. Number of churches 481, which owing to a mistake in the report of last year shows an apparent decrease of ten (while it is a real increase of four), Ministers 505, Communicants 67,123, being an increase during the year of nearly 2,000, or about 3 per cent. Number received on confession 3,331, or a little more than 5 per cent. Number of infants baptized 4,173, of adults 734.

Contributions for congregational purposes, $1,057,428; for benevolent purposes $276,836; total $1,334,264. One and one third millions of dollars, being an average of about $20 per member, $16 for congregational uses and $4 for benevolence. The number of children attending Sabbath-school is 66,508, about the same as the membership of the Church. In the Synod of New York the number of scholars in Sabbath-schools greatly exceeded the number of communicants; in the other Synods the number is less. This difference doubtless arises in some measure from diversity in the methods of filling up this column of the reports from consistories. It is worthy of remark that of the infants baptized, the proportion to the membership differs very much in different localities. In the Synods of New York and New Brunswick, the proportion is as 1 to 17. In the Synod of Albany only as 1 to 25, while in the Synod of Chicago it is as 1 to 7. So great a difference seems to imply a lack of uniformity in the practice of the Church in this matter.

From the changes reported on the rolls of Classes we learn that nine of the brethren in the Ministry have been removed by death during the year. We record their names with affectionate regret. Ira C. Boice, J. B. Ten Eyck, John R. Brock, R. W. Knight, Henry Ostrander, D.D., Martin L. Schenck, and G. N. Snyder. To these we add the name of E. S. Hammond, whose death has been announced to this General Synod. "The memory of the just is blessed."

sidered by them, your Committee find much which is fitted to awaken a profound sense of gratitude to the great King and Head of the Church, and more to lead us in deep humility to the throne of grace, as earnest suppliants, that God would be pleased to vouchsafe a richer and more abundant blessing on all our institutions, agencies, and labors.

In conclusion your Committee offer the following recommendations.

1. That the attention of pastors and consistories be affectionately directed to the important subject of systematic beneficence, and particularly to the requirement that at least one collection a year be made for each of the Boards of our Church.

2. That whereas special reference has been made to the painful, shameful prevalence of profane swearing, the attention of pastors and Sabbath-school teachers be directed to the importance and nenecessity of a full and frequent exposition and enforcement of the Third Commandmeut.

3. That the request of the Classis of Illinois be granted, and that the Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, if practicable, should personally visit the Western Mission field.

Respectfully submitted,

W. ORMISTON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
First Albany	R. W. Clark	265	15	14	9	...	10	758	14	5	400	2	900	$10,682 63	$19,432 63	Albany, N. Y.
Second Albany	Vacant	145	...	...	...	...	...	259	...	...	...	1	457	...	...	" "
Third Albany	Vacant	95	1	7	9	1	4	196	7	1	200	1	300	112 71	3,040 06	" "
Fourth Albany	J. F. Neef	65	15	...	7	...	1	144	18	...	40	1	120	107 50	1,668	" "
Holland Albany	Vacant	85	10	9	1	...	1	112	60	...	80	1	80	79 50	1,178 21	" "
Second Berne	W. H. Ballagh	70	...	...	2	...	1	188	3	...	48	1	50	19	604	Knox, Albany Co.
First Bethlehem	W. J. Skillman	150	4	1	7	...	6	286	3	1	...	5	150	362 62	2,706 62	Albany, N. Y.
Second Bethlehem	J. L. Pearse, (s. c.)	90	7	3	8	...	...	178	8	...	150	1	150	306 28	1,675	Adams Sta. Al. Co.
Clarksville	Vacant	40	...	...	...	...	1	52	...	...	40	1	55	...	285	Clarksville, "
Coeymans	Elias Mead	105	9	...	2	...	6	161	...	...	27	3	150	150 20	2,244 27	Coeymans, "
Jerusalem	Vacant	80	...	...	...	...	...	98	...	...	...	1	35	...	...	Jerusalem, "
Knox	W. H. Ballagh	29	...	1	...	...	...	51	1	...	...	...	...	47 50	421	Knox, "
New Baltimore	J. L. Zabriskie	70	9	1	2	...	1	137	6	6	112	1	128	282 74	2,087 10	New Baltimore
New Salem	Vacant	85	...	...	...	...	...	171	...	...	...	1	75	...	...	New Salem, Al. Co.
Onisquethaw	Vacant	50	...	...	...	...	...	87	...	...	...	1	40	...	...	Clarksville, "
Union	Wm. Demarest	38	...	3	...	...	...	28	4	...	70	1	70	38 69	1,211 08	Union Church, "
Westerlo	Vacant	50	...	...	...	...	...	70	...	...	...	1	50	...	...	Chesterville, "
	Total	1511	70	39	47	1	1	2876	124	13	1162	23	2510	$12,139 37	$36,502 97	

Ministers without Charge.—S. Van Santvoord, New Baltimore. A. Dickson, Lansingburgh. J. P. Pepper, Brocklyn, N. Y. L. H. Bahler, H. Slauson, Wh
hall, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. C. & S. S.: Number of Catechumens	C. C. & S. S.: Number of Sabbath Schools	C. C. & S. S.: Total Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent purposes R. A. P.	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes R. A. P.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Arcot and 5 out stations	Rev. John Scudder	67	18	18	19	2	..	63	5	14	62	6	101	626 12 0	.....	Arcot, Madras Presidency, Ind.
Arnee " 3 "	Rev. E. C. Scudder	30	2	....	...	1	...	51	8	4	8	4	34	341 6 0	.....	Arnee, "
Vellambi	"	17	...	....	..	...	..	36	3	....	....	1	13	10 11 9		
Modayur	"	4	...	....	...	...	...	4	...	....	7	1	7	8 8 0		
Maritambadi	"	11	...	....	...	3	...	14	2	....	....	1	20	13 1 0		
Alliandal	"	10	...	....	..	...	...	20	...	....	....	....	....	11 0 5		
Orattur and 7 villages	"	70	2	....	...	...	...	73	14	6	23	4	49	50 8 4		
Chittoor and 8 out stations	Rev. J. W. Scudder	107	20	8	9	...	3	81	7	1	6	8	151	305 9 7		
Coonoor and out station of Kotagiri	Rev. L. John	53	...	1	1	4	5	67	3	...	6	...	.....	77 0 8½	94 14 9	Coonoor, Madras Presid'y, Ind.
Gnanodiam and 1 out station	Rev. Andrew Sawyer	25	2	5	6	...	...	52	8	6	1	1	15	36 5 0	.....	Gnanodiam, "
Settambadi and 2 villages	"	18	2	....	4	1	3	40	1	1	20	1	12	28 15 0		
Mudnapilly & 20 out stations	Rev. J. Chamberlain	216	8	13	4	...	2	37	10	3	413	5	70	381 14 1	.....	Mudnapilly, Madras Pres., Ind.
Palamanair and 1 out station	"	16	...	....	2	1	...	14	4	5	5	1	7	20 4 0	.....	" "
Vellore	Rev. W. W. Scudder,	70	6	12	19	..	2	82	4	1	6	3	107	486 6 6	.....	America.
Kattupadi and 3 villages	"	32	2	1	...	...	...	32	8	2	29	3	45	36 4 8	.....	"
Kandipatur and 1 village	"	13	7	1	...	...	...	27	5	6	18	2	35	27 0 6	.....	"
Shikadu	"	20	7	....	..	...	1	37	6	7	9	2	16	24 1 6	.....	"
	Total	779	66	54	64	12	16	738	88	56	613	43	682	2495 13 0½	94 14 9	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. E. I. Heeren. Rev. S. D. Scudder, M.D., in America. Rev. S. Ettirajoolo. *Candidates.*—V. Yesadian. M. I. Israel.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
English Neighborhood	Andrew B. Taylor	40	....	1	1	...	1	45	...	...	.....	....	70	.....	.....	Fairview, N. J.
First Hackensack	Theodore B. Romeyn	200	11	12	1	..	5	.	25	2	.....	....	275	$1,500	$8,000	Hackensack, "
Schraalenberg	William R Gordon	150	2	...	5	..	1	234	5	..	100	....	120	... .	.....	Schraalenberg "
New Durham	W. V. V. Mabon	85	4	2	2	..	3	133	17	1	200	....	300	350	1,800	Weehawken, "
First Hoboken	Charles D. Buck	... .	1	2	10	...	..	59	7	..	200	... .	200	1,603 27	6,315 80	Hoboken, "
Third Jersey City	J. Howard Suydam	205	14	22	11	..	3	283	18	4	... .		373	262 77	1,456 40	Jersey City, "
North Bergen	John Justin	55	7	...	2	..	2	77	13	...	43	.....	215	68	1,405 53	Weehawken, "
Second Hackensack	Cyrus B. Durand	96	...	4	...	...	1	123	1	...	80	..	80	702 87	2,700	Hackensack, "
German Hoboken	L. Mohn	150	41	...	2	..	3	243	143	2	127	....	520	510	1,700	Hoboken, "
German Hackensack	Vacant	*36	14	...	...	..	...	80	...	..	.....	.....	76	... .	.....	Hackensack, "
Closter City	P. V. Van Buskirk	60	8	6	...	...	1	90	9	1	100	.....	125	109 15	2,000	Closter City "
Palisades	J. A. Davis, Missionary	110	4	1	..	...	....	44	7	...	.....	.....	150	165	2,650	Fort Lee, "
Guttenberg	Peter B. Crolius	50	3	4	1	..	....	36	5	1	40	..	100	18 13	475 25	Weehawken, "
Cen. Ave., J. C. Heights	Vacant	.....	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	.....	.....	. .....	... .	Hudson City "
	Total	1237	109	54	35		20	1447	250	11	890	... .	2604	$5,289 19	$28,502 98	

Ministers without Charge.—A. H. Warner, Hackensack, N. J. C. Wiley, E. S. Hammond, Closter City, N. J. James H. Ballagh, Kanagawa, Japan.
Candidate.—Rev. John C. Van Deventer, Jersey City.

* Report of last year.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens	C. C. & S. S. Number of Sabbath Schools	C. C. & S. S. Total Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Bergen	{ B. C. Taylor, *Emeritus*															Hudson City, N. J.
	{ James L. Amerman	182	10	5	7	1	7	267	12	1	292	1	292	$1,712 54	$5,156 93	Bergen, "
First Jersey City	William W. Halloway Jr.	100	9	16	7		1	*129	3	3	102	1	167	2,337 44	5,605 11	Jersey City, "
First Bayonne	Theodore W. Wells	70	2	8	4		6	*110	15	..	65	1	110	107 24	3,115 16	Bayonne, "
First Van Vorst	Paul D. Van Cleef	145	9	9	13		1	250	9	1	189	2	3.9	1,782 14	7,041 24	Jersey City, "
Bergen Point	Henry W. F. Jones	95	6	9	6		1	141	12	..	103	1	148	2,820	4,500	Bergen Point, "
Second Hudson City	Charles Doeppenschmidt	50	7		10		3	157	23		80	1	2 0	117 26	1,450 08	Hudson City, "
Lafayette	W. Rankin Duryea (s. c.)	*85	11	3	3		1	149	6	1	175	1	175	1,022	8,028	Jersey City, "
West End	Wm. H. Van Doren	30	3	1	1			46	3	2	75	1	175	50	964 47	Hudson City, "
Greenville	Alex. H. Young	31	2	6	1		1	40		2		1	1 0		1,914 79	Greenville, "
Free Jersey City	Andrew J. Park	55	31	30				61	6		100	1	250	15	560 44	Jersey City, "
Third Bayonne	Vacant	45	35					35	2							
	Total	888	125	87	52	1	21	1386	91	10	1136	11	2026	$9,468 92	$38,336 22	

*Revised List.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. C. & S. S.: Number of Catechumens	C. C. & S. S.: Number of Sabbath Schools	C. C. & S. S.: Total Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Canastota	John H. Lockwood	70		7	1	...	...	84	1	3	60	1	80	$52 95	$1,256	Canastota, N. Y.
Chittenango	J. Henry Enders	86	1	3	...	...	2	80	3	1	100	3	140	200	1,500	Chittenango, "
Cicero	Vacant	65	5	...	4	...	1	63	...	...	75	1	125	75	600	Cicero, "
Lysander	William A. Wurts	70	11	2	1	...	2	92	16	1	80	1	80	.....	7,440	Lysander, "
Naumburgh	John Boehrer	28	...	...	...	...	2	70	7	...	8	1	35	18 39	249 80	Naumburgh, "
New Bremen	John Boehrer	30	...	...	...	...	2	57	9	...	...	...	...	1	125	Naumburgh, "
Owasco	George H. Peeke	140	1	1	2	...	...	184	1	...	140	3	200	117 81	940 44	Owasco, "
Owasco Outlet	Artemus Dean	64	...	1	3	...	1	67	...	...	52	2	52	23 10	584 18	Auburn, "
Syracuse	Martin L. Berger, s. c.	142	26	11	8	...	4	246	8	14	398	1	488	3,278 02	4,598 04	Syracuse, "
Thousand Isles	*George Rockwell	75	...	...	...	...	...	24	...	...	70	1	70	65	400	Alexandria Bay, "
Utica	Isaac S. Hartley	131	8	9	2	...	2	198	1	5	203	1	203	13,451 3	5,807 16	Utica, "
West Leyden	†Vacant	39	...	...	...	...	...	68	...	...	8	1	34	.....	100	West Leyden, "
	Total	922	61	36	21	...	16	1233	46	24	1120	16	1407	$17,287 07	$17,287 08	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. S. R Brown and G. F. Verbeck, Nagasaki, Japan.
* Missionary. † Last year's Report.

CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Detroit	Vacant	24	3	4	2	...	...	48	2	....	.....	.....	.....	$85 00	$120 00	Detroit, Mich.
Fremont Center	Vacant	*17	2	4	...	...	1	27	5	....	19	.....	.....	19 00	350 00	Fremont Center, Newaygo Co.
First Grand Haven	E. C. Oggel	226	11	14	14	...	27	209	56	...	225	1	280	254 00	3,611 00	Grand Haven, Mich.
Second Grand Haven	E. van der Hart	51	20	7	...	...	...	59	12	....	98	1	102	270 00	3,204 00	Grand Haven, "
Grand Rapids	C. van der Meulen	376	11	94	8	1	10	481	89	...	200	1	350	1,156 00	4,048 00	Grand Rapids, "
Grandville	W. P. de Jonge	60	3	2	4	...	16	60	14	....	60	.....	.....	97 00	390 00	Grandville, "
Kalamazoo	A. Kriekard	240	18	6	28	2	5	281	54	....	178	1	200	925 00	2,900 00	Kalamazoo, "
Muskegon	J. van der Meulen	176	32	4	2	2	2	179	48	....	100	1	120	565 00	3,124 00	Muskegon, "
Polkton	M. Kiekintveld	58	4	1	2	...	...	76	13	...	71	.....	....	51 00	302 00	Eastmanville, "
South Haven	Vacant	16	9	..	...	...	..	18	7	..	15	.....	.....	5 00	267 00	South Haven, "
Spring Lake	J. de Free, (s. c.)	81	5	1	2	...	1	70	14	....	92	1	80	86 00	890 00	Spring Lake, "
	Total	1325	118	137	64	5	62	1508	314	....	1058	6	1132	$3,514 00	$19,201 00	

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CLASSIS OF GENEVA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Ithaca	Vacant															Ithaca, Tompkins, Co., N. Y.
Geneva	Wm. W. Brush	94	6	2	2		2	168	1	2	64	1	82	$719 07	$2,300 55	Geneva, Ontario Co. "
Farmer Village	J. C. Forsyth	110	1	2	1		2	163		1		1	121	406	1,901 70	Farmer Village, Sen. Co. "
Lodi	H. P. McAdam	130	5	1			4	165	4	3		2	180	204 78	12,904 87	Lodi, Seneca Co. "
Arcadia	Vacant															East Newark, Wayne. "
Fair Haven	James L. Southard	48	1		1		1	80		1	30	1	55	114 52	1,008 52	Fair Haven, Cayuga. "
Buffalo	Vacant*	17			6		6	31	3				25			Buffalo, N. Y. "
Rochester	P. B. Bahler	171	15	7	5		16	246	30	2	7	1	100	539 57	2,631 71	Rochester, Monroe Co. "
Clymer	G. J. Renskers	61	4	1	2		2	169	16		68	1	40	124 45	875	Clymer, Chat. Co. "
Clymer Village	Vacant*	36	2	2	1			44	5		19	2	42	82	300	Clymer, " "
Mina Corners	Jacob Weber	31	1		1		1	43	2		14	1	34	40	296	Mina, " "
Cato	Vacant*	62			2		1	70				1	35	20	350	Cato, Cayuga. "
Pultneyville	P. G. M. Bahler	95	7	8			2	144	42		68		75	98	2,003 22	Pultneyville, Wayne. "
East Williamson	A. B. Veenhuisen	85	10	4	4		3	184	15			1	80	91 09	800	E. Williamson, " "
Tyre	W. D. Buckelew	40	1	2	1		2	60	1		25	1	50	148 87	550	Magee's Cor., Seneca. "
Caroline	Vacant															Caroline, Tompkins. "
Cleveland	J. B. DeBeer	60	24	1	5			147	11				55	77 17	1,421 33	Cleveland, Ohio. "
Dunkirk	Vacant	9	4					25	1				22	29 00	58 00	Dunkirk, Chat. "
Marion	J. W. Warnshuis	130	5	9	5		1	254	36		30	1	125	73 05	1,760 60	Marion, Wayne Co. "
	Total	1179	85	34	36		43	1993	167	9	265	18	1121	$2,757 57	$28,846 06	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. John Whitbeck, (s. o.) Ithaca, N. Y. A. M. Mann, Farmer Village.

* Per last year's Report.

CLASSIS OF GREENE—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
First Athens	A. D. Campbell	85	20	8	...	...	2	124	4	6	.....	.....	86	$505 14	$1,170 06	Athens, N. Y.
Second Athens																
Catskill	F. A. Horton	150	11	...	7	...	5	342	12	1	. .	2	215	691 98	2,147 66	Catskill, N. Y.
First Coxsackie	M. G. Hansen	100	14	2	4	...	8	160	5	4	85	1	71	401 78	1,724 54	Coxsackie, N. Y.
Second Coxsackie	A. F. Munn	95	7	...	3	...	4	200	12	5	70	1	120	652 46	2,458 48	" "
Kiskatom	Wm. G E. See	94	39	...	1	...	5	218	4	15	.....	1	70	250 34	1,025	Catskill, N. Y.
Leeds	Benj. Van Zandt	60	4	...	...	...	1	120	6	2	.....	1	60	145	1,165	Leeds, N. Y.
Morrisville and Gilboa																
Prattsville	Wm. H. Carr	45	...	1	1	...	2	77	...	...	.....	2	50	98	1,100	Prattsville, N. Y.
Roxbury	J. K. Rhinehart	66	...	2	...	...	...	88	1	...	25	1	75	108 76	1,221 25	Roxbury, N. Y.
	Total	695	95	13	16	. .	27	1329	44	33	180	9	747	$2,783 41	$12,011 99	

Ministers without Charge—M. Lusk, Coxsackie. Wm. Johns, Spartansburg, Penn. I. S. Demund, Coxsackie.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	Adults	C. C. & S. S.: Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Beaver Dam	J. Broek	40	...	6	...	...	1	49	4	....	58	....	....	$146 86	$250 00	Beaver Dam, Zeeland, Mich.
Drenthe	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	....	....	...	...	Vriesland P. O., Mich.
Ebenezer	A. C. Kuyper	55	3	2	...	..	2	106	18	....	70	1	50	168 95	980 17	Holland, "
Fynaart	Vacant	30	4	15	...	..	1	57	8	....	80	....	....	...	...	Graafschap, "
Graafschap	Vacant	45	...	6	3	...	1	80	9	....	65	1	75	137 64	661 53	" "
Holland 1st	R. Pieters	119	7	3	15	...	9	236	25	....	150	1	180	1,580 36	2,967 41	Holland, "
Holland 3d	H. Uiterwyk	126	16	6	4	..	...	204	11	....	132	1	181	540 60	2,019 75	" "
Jamestown	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	....	....	...	...	Vriesland P. O., "
North Holland	B. Van Ess	101	6	4	...	..	...	88	21	....	146	....	....	215 00	838 95	Holland, "
Overyssel	G. J. Nykerk	154	7	2	19	1	3	325	24	....	220	1	200	237 93	1,408 59	Overyssel, "
Overyssel, East	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	....	....	...	...	" "
Rotterdam, Kan	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	....	....	...	...	Rotterdam, Kansas.
Saugatuck	D Broek	45	2	4	2	...	2	58	9	....	40	1	50	85 22	521 50	Saugatuck, Mich.
Vriesland	P. De Pree	85	1	5	4	.	3	128	20	....	149	1	155	242 29	1,479 18	Vriesland, "
Zabriskie Memorial Ch	G. Dangremond	50	3	...	5	3	1	13	8	1	...	1	40	...	...	Hamilton P. O., Mich.
Zeeland	W. Moerdyk, (s. c.)	230	17	10	6	1	2	412	48	....	350	1	310	1,026 41	1,442 05	Zeeland, "
	Total	1080	66	63	58	5	25	1756	195	1	1410	9	1241	$4,326 26	$12,564 13	

Ministers without Charge—Rev A. C Van Raalte, D.D., President of the Council of Hope College. Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr., D.D., President of Hope College. Rev. T. Romeyn Beck, Professor in Hope College, Holland, Mich.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Hudson	John McC. Holmes	200	14	12	6	1	7	415	21	8	.....	.....	375	$3,137 30	$5,943 85	Hudson, N. Y.
First Claverack	John W. Schenck	110	2	6	3	...	3	170	1	1	....	....	200	287 96	2,100 00	Claverack, "
Second Claverack	A. J. Sebring	200	55	6	2	..	1	187	3	27	100	....	200	1,226 44	2,140 14	Mellenville, "
Linlithgow	T. S Dusinberre	100	2	2	1	..	1	229	7	2	...	....	50	400	1,400	Livingston, "
Greenport	J. S. Himrod	95	...	5	3	...	...	281	10	...	....	....	90	275	1,100	Hudson, "
Germantown	G. D W. Bodine	90	4	3	1	..	2	154	9	1	...	....	65	275	1,000	Germantown, "
Upper Red Hook	H. V. S. Myers	70	4	2	1	..	2	105	4	...	90	....	60	172 90	2,706	Upper Red Hook, N. Y.
Greenbush	D. B. Wyckoff	72	9	5	...	1	6	107	4	2	....	....	70	330 64	1,611 97	Mt. Ross, "
Taghkanic	John B. Church	76	11	2	...	...	2	†131	4	6	.....	.....	67	93 87	987 23	West Copake, "
*Livingston Ref'd at Linlithgow	.....	54	9	2	...	...	...	28	1	2	...	.....	.....	11	700	Linlithgow, "
	Total	1,076	100	45	17	2	24	1810	64	44	190	....	1,177	$3,072 81	$19,689 19	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Edwin Holmes (s. o.), Hudson. Rev. H. R. Schermerhorn. Rev. A. Mattice. Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck.

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Revised list.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. C. & S. S.: Number of Catechumens	C. C. & S. S.: Number of Sabbath Schools	C. C. & S. S.: Total Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Fairview	J. S. Joralmon, (s. c.)	115	2	8	4	...	5	193	14	1	90	4	170	$586 28	$1,221 78	Fair View, Fulton Co., Ill.
Pekin	E. P. Livingston, S S	42	...	...	6	...	2	58	2	...	...	1	80	65	745	Pekin, Tazewell Co., "
Spring Lake	Vacant	28	...	...	...	...	...	38	...	...	...	2	36	10	160	Manito, Tazewell Co., "
Raritan	S. A. Bumstead	46	2	6	4	...	2	149	6	1	22	2	90	140	750	Raritan, Henderson Co. "
Bushnell	Jas. Wyckoff	80	20	4	6	...	3	130	8	10	...	2	124	188	2,450	Bushnell, McDonough Co., I
Davenport	H. E. Decker, S. S	61	14	7	...	...	2	85	...	3	...	1	110	97 20	1,650	Davenport, Iowa.
First Pella	E. Winter	199	23	5	26	...	2	235	54	...	200	1	200	931 78	4,597 37	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Havana	Geo. Seibert, S. S	14	...	...	...	...	1	18	...	...	30	1	60	...	327 61	Havana, Mason Co., Ill.
Second Pella	A. Thompson, S. S	36	6	2	...	...	1	60	4	1	...	1	270	70	632	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Bethel	Vacant	40	...	...	3	...	...	36	3	...	25	1	80	...	...	" " "
Leyden Center	H. H. Johnson, S. S	41	5	...	3	...	1	35	...	...	...	1	84	98 98	601 79	Jefferson, Cook Co., Ill.
Third Pella	K. B. Welland	180	22	10	8	...	8	132	54	...	200	1	189	428	1,800	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Fourth Pella	W. Van der Kley	47	15	9	1	1	2	108	18	1	18	1	...	360	1,136 70	" " "
Am. Ref. Chicago	U. D. Gulick	60	9	8	...	...	2	89	4	2	...	1	60	250 28	5,098	Chicago, Ill.
Otley	Vacant	10	...	...	...	...	...	23	...	...	...	1	65			
Orange City	S. Bolks	115	148	79	...	...	3	265	68	8	100	2	200	...	...	Orange City, Sioux Co., Iowa
Norris	A. G. Lansing, S. S	30	4	5	5	...	...	20	...	2	...	2	60	28 20	525	Norris, Fulton Co., Ill.
Norwood Park	A. V. Gulick	24	7	13	1	...	...	33	4	1	18	1	60	$134 00	6 0	Norwood Park, Cook Co., Il
Somerset	Jos. Mayou	14	1	6		2	...	25	3	...	...	1	47	22 50	270 25	Somerset, Miami Co, Kansa
	Total	1182	278	157	63	3	34	1782	232	25	703	27	1985	$3,240 17	$22,575 50	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A D. Wilson, Fair View, Ill. Rev. J. F. Morris, Bushnell, Ill. Rev. C. D. Eltinge, Raritan, Ill. Rev. A. J. Battin, Pella, Iowa.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
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Bloomingdale	* Vacant	56	...	...	...	...	...	91	...	...	...	...	80	...	...	Creek Locks, Ulster Co., N.
The Clove	N. H. Van Arsdale	150	11	...	...	...	3	156	7	9	75	2	200	$340 20	$1,481 50	High Falls,
Dashville Falls	Paul T. Deyo	120	8	2	2	...	...	141	...	3	64	1	150	79 44	908 75	Rifton Glen,
Guilford	Vacant	83	...	...	...	...	...	75	2	...	25	1	80	138 54	881 17	Tuthill,
Hurley	J. F. Harris	65	2	1	3	2	2	118	5	...	50	1	102	352 24	733 94	Hurley,
N. Church, Marbletown	"	70	3		1	...	3	109	12	3	40	1	90	178 04	519 35	"
Second Church, Kingston	Chas. H. Stitt	158	21	18	2	...	4	391	2	7	50	2	350	1,000	3,200	Kingston,
Marbletown	V. M Hulbert	170	...	5	2	...	1	269	15	...	84	2	168	176 50	1,570 00	Stone Ridge,
New Paltz	Philip Peltz (s. c.)	261	10	9	16	...	7	419	17	4	164	6	277	748 41	25 974 15	New Paltz,
Rochester	S. P M. Hastings	150	...	8	3	...	4	146	4	...	75	4	485	287 58	1,357 06	Accord,
Rosendale	M. F. Liebenau	60	...	2	1	...	...	85	2	...	7	1	150	82 85	2,118 08	Rosendale,
Sampsonville	Vacant	43	...	...	...	...	1	52	...	...	25	1	85	7	94	Cripplebush,
St. Remy	Vacant	30	...	2	...	...	1	43	1		27	1	85	15 75	468 80	Fly Mountain,
	Total	1,408	55	42	30	2	26	2095	67	26	636	23	2,297	$3,366 55	$38,801 89	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. James R. Lonto (Emeritus), Blooming Grove, Orange Co., N. Y. Rev. Augustus Blauvelt, Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y.

* Last report.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	Adults	C. C. & S. S.: Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Jamaica	J. G. Van Slyke	126	9	3	2		3	250	8	1	60	3	123	$516 81	$11,200 01	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	C. I. Shepard	123	7		2		2	204	9	5	150	2	178	950	7,727 75	Newtown. "
Oyster Bay	Minor Swick	100	6				6	112	5	3		2	135	269 12	1,488 09	East Norwich, "
North Hempstead	Wm E. Davis	90	12	1	5		1	120	8	7	50	1	110	265 33	1,640 43	Manhasset, "
Williamsburgh	E. S. Porter	325	14	7	3		5	447	11	2		2	660			Brooklyn, E. D., "
Astoria	W. H. Ten Eyck, (s. c.)	62	7				4	109	8	1	60	1	142	985 10	2,911 21	Astoria, "
Flushing	O. E Cobb	93	4	8	7			191	1	2	172	1	172	354	2,544	Flushing, "
Greenpoint	Vacant	129	15	13	20		3	353	16	2		1	492	427 69	11,085 68	Greenpoint. "
South Bushwick	G. D Hulst	95	1	7	5		1	156	7	1		1	250	286	7,420	21 Grove St., Brooklyn, "
Lee Avenue	Vacant															
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	70	16				2	154	52		15	1	90		1,400	Astoria, "
East Williamsburg*	Vacant	30	3		2			21		2	50	1	100	286 75	416 75	Maspeth, "
Second Newtown	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	35	6					52	3		8	2	25		200	Astoria, "
Queens	Thomas Nichols	70	7	2			1	102	6	4		1	130	150	1,800	Queens, "
Ger. Ev. Brooklyn	J. M. Wagner	236	36	4	8		6	444	165	2	260	1	460	164	1,577 81	315 Graham Ave. B'klyn, E. D.
Sayville	G Van Emmerik	37		4		4	1	43	2			4	68	150	350	Sayville, L. I.
Locust Valley	John Hart	45	7	1				26	4	7	100	1	58	21 33	1,242	Glencove, "
College Point	E. S Fairchild†	31	1	6				25	5		12				40,000	College Point, "
	Total	1097	151	56	49	1	35	2810	304	89	937	24	3185	$4 726 18	$92,910 45	

Ministers without Charge—E. R Atwater, Brooklyn, E.D., N. Y. A. C. Hillman, Williamsburgh, L. I: P. S. Williamson, San Francisco, Cal. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y. Lewis G. Bingham, New Brunswick, N J. E. S. Fairchild, † Pastor Elect, College Point, L. I. Alexander McKelvey, in Europe.

Candidates.—Wm. Ferris, 34 Vesey Street, New York. * Supplied by Licentiate Wm. Ferris.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	Adults	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRE
Brooklyn	Joseph Kimball	200	11	7	13	...	8	396	9	4	300	2	600	†11,745 16	.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	140	15	8	1	5	..	265	18	..	150	1	322	1 1,551 04	$3,000	Flatbush, "
Flatbush Mission	R. G. Strong	62	4	...	..	...	1	28	8	2	.....	1	74	75	...	" "
New Utrecht	D. S. Sutphen (s. c.)	95	7	4	8	...	5	202	16	1	100	3	332	1,313 09	3,437	New Utrecht "
Gravesend	Austin P. Stockwell	130	38	1	..	...	1	203	11	6	168	2	168	553 41	2,384 15	Gravesend, "
Flatlands	Anson DuBois	80	2	1	8	...	2	165	5	...	80	2	190	820	2,000	Flatlands, "
New Lots	Vacant	70	1	1	3	..	5	122	9	...		...	50	271 58	..	East New York, "
East New York	C. R. Blauvelt	65	2	7	4	...	1	115	3	...	100	1	200	1,079 75	2,846 70	" "
South Brooklyn	John H. Manning	43	0	0	.	..	1	66	6	...	50	1	90	343 88	1,459 17	Brooklyn, "
Middle Brooklyn	Edward P. Ingersoll.	287	8	30	12	...	8	*489	16	...	304	2	520	1,468 58	17,114 83	" "
Twelfth Street	Nehemiah P. Pierce	125	10	7	7	2	1	248	12	6	70	1	425	300	5,300	" "
Church on the Heights	David Inglis	125	20	27	30	...	5	*381	7	2	112	2	504	8,890 55	10,950 24	" "
New Brooklyn	Charles F. C. Suckow	85	38	..	..	...	1	218	76	.	40	1	135	52	1,765 57	New Brooklyn, "
East Brooklyn	J. Halsted Carroll	165	36	35	1	..	2	282	7	11	190	1	220	205	5,671	Brooklyn, "
	Total	1,672	192	128	117	7	42	3180	203	32	1,664	20	3,830	$38,724	$55,999 65	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. M. Ferris, D.D., Secretary Board of Foreign Missions, 34 Vesey Street, New York. Rev. Jacob West, D.D., Secret
Board of Domestic Missions, 34 Vesey Street, New York. Rev. Julius Hones, 209 Stockton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Rev. Daniel Rajalye, Missionary to Chi
Rev. J. A. Lansing, D.D., Secretary Board of Publication, 34 Vesey Street, New York. Rev Alexander Shaw, Bethany Chapel

* Revised list.

† Including Centennial contributions since April 1, 1872

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Battle Creek		55	1	1	3	...	...	63	2	1	.....	1	130	$421	$568	Battle Creek, Mich.
Centreville	A. H. Van Vranken	98	7	8	1	...	1	*157	....	2	.....	2	210	462	1,510	Centreville, "
Constantine	J. W. Beardslee, (s. c.)	70	8	3	9	...	1	129	1	3	.....	1	240	65	1,288 22	Constantine, "
Grand Rapids		37	...	...	3	...	...	39	....	...	.....	1	65	17	368	Grand Rapids, "
Hope	A. T. Stewart	36	3	3	16	...	...	62	3	3	.....	2	175	62 33	478 63	Holland, "
Macon		25	4	...	...	...	...	51	....	2	.....	1	100	.....	.....	Macon, "
Porter		.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	Constantine, "
South Bend	N. D. Williamson	30	2	7	2	...	1	31	3	2	.....	2	249	185 88	550 81	Box 996, South Bend, Ind.
South Macon		32	...	...	1	...	...	29	....	1	.....	..	.....	40	40	Tecumseh, Mich.
	Total	383	25	22	35	...	3	561	9	13	....	10	1169	$1,258 16	$4,798 16	

Ministers without Charge—J. G. Tarbell (Emeritus), Alamo, Mich. C. Van der Veen, Holland, Mich. P. Moerdyk, Holland, Mich.

* Revised List.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens	C. C. & S. S. Number of Sabbath Schools	C. C. & S. S. Total Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
First Freehold	Vacant	96	3	..	2	...	2	170	2	....	90	3	110	$ 817 45	$2,582 11	Marlboro, Monmouth Co., N. J
Second Freehold	C. S. Hageman	105	10	8	3	...	3	202	...	4	100	1	120	655 92	3,218 58	Freehold, " "
Holmdel	William Reiley	95	2	1	...	...	2	149	11	....	75	2	100	409 65	2,500	Holmdel, " "
Spotswood	Ralph Willis	50	...	...	...	...	..	90	.	....	30	1	40	... .	....	Spotswood, " "
Middletown	Vacant	58	3	...	3	..	1	69	1	2	30	1	50	81 14	845	Middletown, " "
Keyport	Vacant	60	4	2	2	...	2	50	3	3	.....	1	30	150	1,000	Keyport, " "
Long Branch	James B. Wilson	70	1	2	2	...	1	129	4		20	2	100	150 27	2,890 55	Long Branch, " "
Colt's Neck	James Bolton, (s. c.)	75	10	2	6	1	5	245	19	7	50	2	120	150	1,050	Colt's Neck, " "
	Total	604	33	15	18	1	16	1104	40	16	395	13	670	$2,414 48	$14,031 24	

Ministers without Charge.—G. C. Schenck, Marlboro, N. J. A. C. Millspaugh, Marlboro, N. J. Samuel Lockwood, Freehold, N. J. G. C. Schenck and A. C Millspaugh preach whenever an opportunity offers, and Samuel Lockwood is School Commissioner of Monmouth County, N. J.; and is also engaged in teaching, and preaches occasionally also.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Auriesville	Vacant	50	13	1	...	...	...	44	2	7	...	...	45	...	$280	Auriesville, N. Y.
Canajoharie	R. R. Williams	130	7	2	5	...	4	154	1	4	...	...	200	$369 48	2,916 28	Canajoharie, "
Columbia	J. M. Compton	65	15	..	...	...	1	44	3	7	18	...	...	...	2,010	Jordanville, "
Currytown	Vacant	30	...	...	...	...	2	72	1	...	...	...	45	200	600	Rural Grove, "
Ephratah	W. B. Van Benschoten	65	2	3	1	...	1	54	1	...	30	1	70	30	500	Ephratah, Fulton Co.
Florida	Vacant	105	10	...	1	...	3	156	1	5	...	...	127	166	1,100	Minsville, N. Y.
Fonda	T. W. Jones	140	49	3	3	...	2	*258	8	27	...	...	100	640	5,165	Fonda, "
Fort Plain	Alex. B. Riggs	107	5	5	1	...	4	86	3	3	...	...	100	159	17,454 65	Fort Plain "
Fort Herkimer	Vacant															
Fultonville	F. M. Kipp Jr	95	3	2	3	...	2	95	6	2	...	...	100	385	2,158	Fultonville, "
Glen	F. V. Van Vranken	100	4	1	...	...	...	100	7		...	...	180	512 17	3,813 95	Glen, "
Hageman's Mills	A. J. Hageman, (s. c.)	70	2	3	1	...	1	77	2	...	25	2	85	71 45	1,854 88	Hageman's Mills.
Henderson	J. M. Compton	23	...	...	...	...	..	34	1	...	...	...	...	...	520	Jordanville, Herkimer Co.
Herkimer	G. D Consaul	175	21	...	...	...	5	136	8	4	35	...	180	220	1,600	Herkimer, Herkimer Co.
Indian Castle	R. M Stanbrough	18	1	...	...	...	1	*13	...	...	...	...	...	3 25	155	Ingham's Mills, N. Y.
Manheim	R. M Stanbrough	40	2	...	1	...	1	87	3	...	...	...	30	50 05	824 50	Ingham's Mills, "
Mapletown †	Vacant	60	...	...	...	...	..	51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Canajoharie, "
Mohawk	F. M. Bogardus	60	6	1	..	...	1	47	6	2	60	...	80	40	1,200	Mohawk, Herkimer Co.
Port Jackson	John Minor ‡	74	...	...	...	...	...	110	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	Port Jackson, N. Y.
St. Johnsville †	E. Lodewick	95	...	...	...	...	..	117	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	St. Johnsville, "
Stone Arabia	W B. Van Benschoten	60	4	...	1	...	2	55	8	...	20	1	30	65	600	Stone Arabia, "
Spraker's Basin	Vacant	50	...	...	...	...	..	40	...		...	...	60	20	375	Spraker's Basin, "
Tillaborough	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	Adults	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Belleville	J. Paschal Strong	112	3	4	3	...	2	154	6	...	118	1	150	$458 85	$5,085 67	Belleville, N. J.
First Newark	Edward P. Terhune	312	3	6	12	...	4	416	4	1	225	1	400	4,246 78	12,208 39	Newark, "
Irvington	Henry Vehslage	115	7	3	6	...	1	159	7	4	110	1	115	210	2,500 00	Irvington, "
Second Newark	Cornelius Brett	105	5	3	6	...	3	183	15	1	125	1	200	571 55	3,425 54	Newark, "
Franklin	A. M. Quick	90	2		2	...	...	112	10	....	144	1	144	76 98	1,745	Franklin, "
North Newark	Charles E. Hart	225	22	15	13	...	7	360	26	3	300	2	650	7,219 89	5,084 75	Newark, "
West Newark	John Wenisch	36	27	..	20	...	1	102	51	....	60	1	132	11 74	646 45	Newark, "
Clinton Avenue, Newark	William J. R. Taylor	175	9	33	3	...	2	210	2	16	206	1	388	1,001 14	31,820 16	Newark, "
East Reformed, Newark	Isaac P. Brokaw (s.c)	72	7	2	...	...	1	65	6	....	60	1	230	200 31	1,600	Newark, "
Linden	Oscar Gesner	40	14	17	2	...	2	54	3	3	.....	1	76	.....	1,500	Linden, "
Christ, Woodside	Vacant	....	..	....	...	...	...	...	....	....	.....	.....	...	.....	... .	Newark, "
	Total	1282	99	88	67	...	23	1835	130	28	1348	11	2485	$13,996 74	$65,560 96	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Gustavus Abel, Newark, N. J. Rev. M. B. Riddle, Hartford, Conn. Rev. B. V. Collins, Passaic, N. J. Rev. Jose
Wilson, Newark, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
First New Brunswick	Richard H. Steele, (s. c.)	200	26	18	17	...	14	470	14	4	120	1	300	$2,758	$4,635	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Jacob C Sears	186	8	...	4	1	2	218	7	...	30	7	346	1,450	1,450	Franklin Park, "
Hillsborough	Edward T. Corwin	154	2	6	2	..	4	207	15	1	...	7	200	690	1,200	Millstone, "
Middlebush	Stephen L. Mershon	108	17	8	6	.	8	208	12	4	90	2	165	961	4,878	Middlebush "
Griggstown	Vacant	56	1	8	4	...	8	104	2	1	35	2	130	510	1,100	Griggstown, "
Second New Brunswick	Chester D. Hartranft	168	7	14	5	...	2	333	7	2	130	2	250	2 888 21	11,587	New Brunswick, "
Bound Brook	Jacob C. Dutcher	86	5	6	4	...	1	155	1	2	60	1	115	365	2,585	Bound Brook, "
Third New Brunswick	Charles Meyer, S. S.	16	2	...	...	...	...	32	4	...	18	1	40	80	427	New Brunswick, "
East Millstone	Alexander McWilliam	86	2	12	12	...	1	154	6	...	.....	1	100	240	1,400	East Millstone, "
Metuchen	Edward Lord	68	2	12	1	...	...	137	1	....	.	2	180	175	1,925	Metuchen, "
	Total	1078	67	74	55	1	30	2018	69	14	583	26	1775	$10,112 21	$31,137	

Ministers without Charge.—Peter J. Quick, Rector Theological Hall, New Brunswick. William H. Campbell, President Rutgers College, New Brunsw
Jacob T. Cooper and T. Sandford Doolittle, Professors Rutgers College, New Brunswick. William H. Steele, Newark, N. J. J. H. Van Doren, An
China. H. W. Brandt, South Africa. John L. See, 34 Vesey Street, New York. B. F. Romaine, Columbus, Ohio. N. J. M. Bogert, Metuchen, N. J.
Candidates.—H. R. Lott, New Brunswick. T De Witt Riley, Professor Rutgers College.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. C. & S. S.: Number of Catechumens	C. C. & S. S.: Number of Sabbath Schools	C. C. & S. S.: Total Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Collegiate, New York	Thomas De Witt															55 East 9th Street, N. Y.
	Thomas E. Vermilye															15 West 56th Street, "
	Tal. W. Chambers, (s. c.)															70 West 36th Street, "
	James M. Ludlow															116 West 48th Street, "
	William Ormiston	600	76	60	39		36	1634	30	11	1510	7	2450	$32,516 13		153 East 27th Street, "
Harlem	G. Henry Mandeville	185	5	13	12		8	261	5	1	250	1		2,570 10		327 East 124th Street, "
South New York	E. P. Rogers	185	11	4	14		4	474	10	3		3	700	9,379 49	$20,000	42 West 2[illegible]th Street, "
Staten Island	James Brownlee	145	11	1	*26		6	319	18	6	450	2	450	1,100 50	4,028	Port Richmond, S. I.
Bloomingdale	Enoch Van Aken	80	3	1	1		1	77	5	1	75	1				316 West 52d Street, N. Y.
Madison Avenue	H. D. Ganse		14	16					5	3	95	1	115	781 66	9,678 62	707 Lexington Avenue, "
Thirty-Fourth Street	Isaac Riley	258	18	8	21		11	556	25	10	200	1	266	2,158	9,017	344 West 32d Street, "
German Evan Mission	Julius W. Geyer	200	67	1	7		8	578	36		80	1	550	3,490 60	4,130 75	82 Second Street, "
St. Paul's			5	1	2		3		16							
Richmond, S. I.	J. H. Sinclair	23			6		1	44	2			1	50	15	455 69	Richmond,
Mott Haven	Hasbrouck Du Bois	130	8	5	1		2	185	8	6	150	1	300	525	4,250	Mott Haven,
Huguenots, S. I.	Francis M. Kip		1	6				42	4	1		1	68	158 97	200	Sea Side, S. I.
Fourth German	John H Oerter	48	12	2	3			161	22		17	1	110	147 95	1,069 95	258 West 40th Street, N. Y.
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	70	6	2	12		2	140	11		210	1	262	1,116 58	2,542 47	231 East 86th Street, "
Holland	A. H. Bechtold	100	5	6	5		5	86	5					86 54	802	232 Eighth Avenue, "
Brookfield, Conn	Ransford Wells	88	2	2	2			89	2		30	1	70	85	300	Brookfield, Connecticut,
	Total	2062	244	128	151		82	4596	194	42	3067	23	5891	$54,071 62	$56,974 48	

Ministers without Charge.—Isaac Ferris, D.D., LL.D., Roselle, N. J. Charles Whitehead, Chaplain, Roosevelt Hospital. John Forsyth, Chaplain, West Point, N. J. Marselus, D.D., 292 South Fifth Street, Williamsburg, L. I. C. M. Jameson, Somerville, N. J. E. S. Cleghorn, Bible House, N. Y.

Missionary Pastors.—J. H. Bertholf, 160 West 29th Street. W. H. De Hart, Knox Memo. Chapel, Ninth Avenue, near Thirty-eighth street. L. W. Kipp. Missionary to China. A. R. Van Nest, D.D., Missionary to Florence. Charles H. H. Wolff, Missionary to Japan. William L. Johnson, Mechanicsville, N. Y.

*20 to form Calvary Pres. Church.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS Suspended	COMMUNICANTS Died	COMMUNICANTS Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens	C. C. & S. S. Number of Sabbath Schools	C. C. & S. S. Total Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Brighton Heights	William T. Enyard	74	...		2	...	...	184	6	...	200	...	160	$111 74	$4,842 76	Brighton, S I.
Washington Square	M. S. Hutton	98	7	...	14	...	2	207	6	1	145	2	145	3,264	4,679	New York City.
Manhattan	Vacant	42	19	2	2	...	...	71	11	...	75	...	175	110	1,700	
Bushwick	S. H. Meeker, (s. c)	63	8	5	8	...	7	208	39	1	70	1	150	245	1,870	Williamsburgh, L. I.
Union Ref., 6th Avenue	Vacant	...	15	8	12	...	...	217	4	6	175	...	125	251 78	8,741 70	
German Ref. P. Church	H. A. Friedel	226	26	1	...	...	7	400	89	...	80	...	500	1,890	2,665	New York City.
North Brooklyn Ref. Ch	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total	498	75	11	88	...	16	1287	155	8	745	3	1,255	$5,372 52	$19,498 46	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. B. Steele, Salem, N. Y. Rev. Dr. Wiggins, New York City. Rev. Henry Mattice, 155 Worth Street, New York.
Candidate.—Isaac W. Warner, Williamsburgh, L. I.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	Adults	C. C. & S. S.: Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Berea	Laurence L. Comfort	60	7	3	1	..	1	69			36	...	87	97 79	2,008 79	Montgomery, N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	Augustus F. Todd	*74	14	3	10	..	5	*102		6	...	...	...	...	...	Bloomingburgh, Sull. Co., "
Callicoon	William Elterich	103	21	5	4	..	...	186	39	...	17	...	90	27 50	482 25	Callicoon, "
Claryville	Vacant	†25	...	...	...	...	...	19	...	...	...	...	100	...	...	Claryville, "
Cuddebackville	William E. Bogardus	56	3	1	3	..	1	44	...	..	58	...	42	99 80	817 76	Cuddebackville, "
Deerpark	Samuel J. Rogers	162	6	8	6	...	5	218	6	3	150	...	225	1,228 66	3,538 81	Port Jervis, "
Ellenville	Edward W. Bentley, (s.c.)	100	4	2	‡14	...	4	212	7	1	12	..	150	800 32	980	Ellenville, "
Fallsburgh	Walter S. Brown	93	10	1	...	..	1	122	4	6	12	...	55	415	2,828 94	Woodbourne, "
Fremont	William Elterich	50	9	1	6	.	1	118	11	...	...	...	...	3	140	Callicoon, "
Grahamville	Vacant	50	...	...	...	...	2	100	...	...	...	...	55	...	100	Grahamville, "
Jeffersonville	William Elterich	45	28	..	5	.		96	27	1	6	...	80	3	167 75	Jeffersonville, "
Kerhonkson	John DuBois	70	2	...	...	...	1	80	5	...	...	...	125	22	575	Kerhonkson, "
Mamakating	Edward G. Ackerman	70	..	2	3	...	...	67	...	..	18	...	60	25	860	Wurtsboro, "
Minnisink	William E. Turner	50	4	2	1	...	1	58	...	4	...	...	50	...	...	Montague, N. J.
Montgomery	Vacant	176	2	1	2	...	4	314	11	.	100	...	...	1,315	2,000	Montgomery, N. Y.
Newburgh	William H. Gleason	230	11	2	17	2	6	382	12	3	350	..	250	1,160	7,300	Newburgh, "
New Hurley	R. H. Beattie	110	4	5	6	...	4	153	8	1	..	...	...	244	645	New Hurley, "
New Prospect	John A. Staats, S. S.	80	7	...	2	.	5	131	2	2	90	...	150	...	...	Ulsterville, "
North Branch	William Elterich	40	11	...	3	..	3	65	19	.	7	..	40	3	98 05	Callicoon, "
Shawangunk	Cyril Spaulding	150	9	1	5	...	4	261	10	2	75	...	125	186 49	1,125	Bruynswick, "
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	100	8	2	9	...	1	190	12	..	90	..	100	500	1,500	Walden, "
Wallkill Valley	Benjamin C. Lippincott	75	9	17	..	...	2	66	5	1	15	...	45	66 64	3,000	Shawangunk, "
Walpack, Upper	Gilbert S. Garretson	65	8	4	2	...	2	83	1	1	20	...	112	...	...	Dingmans, Pa
Walpack, Lower	J. F. Shaw	100	1		4	...	1	160	3	...	50	...	130	57	1,044	Bushkill, "
Wawarsing	James R. Talmage	120	2	1	1	1	4	141	1	...	169	..	116	229 80	1,282 08	Napanoch, N. Y.
	Total	2,154	165	56	104	8	58	3277	188	31	1,275	...	2,187	$5,984	$30,987 88	

Ministers without Charge.—C. Scott, Holland, Mich. John A. Staats, Goshen, N. Y. Henry Morris, Binghampton, N. Y. Robert Pitts, Stroudsburgh, Pa. Samuel W. Mills, Port Jervis, N. Y. * Revised list. † Last report. ‡11 to the new church, Wilcox, Pa.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	Adults	C. C. & S. S.: Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
Clarkstown	Ferdinand S. Schenck	100	2	...	15	...	3	170	...	...	50	1	100	$250	$8,250	Nyack Turnpike,	N. Y.
Tappan	George M. S. Blauvelt	130	7	3	4	...	7	146	13	..	150	2	150	.....	.....	Tappan,	"
Acquackanonck	John Gaston	200	9	3	4	1	5	*277	14	2	150	1	267	1,890 17	4,118 29	Passaic,	N. J.
Second Totowa	John H. Duryea	140	9	11	3	...	6	271	15	1	80	2	220	1 617 80	6,000	Paterson,	"
Paramus	Goyn Talmage	125	4	4	...	...	5	128	5	...	90	2	150	397 31	2,334 29	Hohokus,	"
Pascack	Benjamin A. Bartholf	70	1	...	5	...	1	98	4	...	25	1	100	64 31	815 65	Park Ridge,	"
Saddle River	Vacant	60	...	...	3	...	3	80	4	...	.....	1	72	.....	.....	Monsey,	N. Y.
Ramapo	George A. Magie	60	...	...	...	...	2	44	8	...	10	2	80	100	800	Mahwah,	"
West New Hempstead	Benjamin T Statesir	39	...	2	..	.	.	71	2	...	20	1	60	110 94	1,021 58	Monsey,	"
Warwick	F. H Vanderveer	80	3	1	1	...	2	120	...	...	75	1	102	1,347 86	1,630 22	Warwick,	"
Nyack	Henry V. Voorhees	176	8	15	3	..	6	275	9	1	195	2	260	793 04	4,726 37	Nyack,	"
Piermont	William C. Stitt	50	6	10	...	...	1	64	5	1	.....	1	60	450	3,908 12	Piermont,	"
Broadway, Paterson	William H. Clark	98	14	27	6	...	1	*141	8	4	206	1	275	558 27	3,655 25	Paterson,	N. J.
Spring Valley	Richard DeWitt	80	8	4	...	...	1	101	2	1	80	1	140	188 92	1.756 75	Spring Valley,	N. Y.
North Passaic	Charles D. Kellogg	89	17	10	13	1	...	107	5	4	140	1	156	694 04	5.747 83	Passaic,	N. J.
First Holland, Paterson	James Huyssoon	83	9	8	27	...	2	126	31	..	35	1	67	99 85	1.261 35	Paterson,	"
Second Holland, Paterson	Adrian K. Kasse	47	...	6	...	..	3	116	22	...	20	1	40	73 93	1.246 98	"	"
Holland, Lodi	Vacant	38	1	6	3	..	...	40	10	...	50		...	50	280	Lodi,	"
Holland, Hohokus	L. G Jongeneel, (Mis).	28	...	1	2	...	...	54	8	...	60	1	60	11	500	Hohokus,	"
	Total	1693	98	111	89	2	48	2424	165	17	1436	23	2359	$8,647 44	$48,047 68		

Ministers without Charge—Isaac D. Cole, Spring Valley, N. Y. John T. Demarest, D.D., Nyack, Turnpike, N. Y. Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y. Marshall B. Smith, (s. c) Passaic, N. J.

Candidates.—Wm. G. Haeselbarth, Nyack, N. Y. John Kershaw, Passaic, N. J.

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CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Boardville	James E. Bernart, Miss'y.	10	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	15	1	15	$30	...	Pompton, N. J.
Boonton	Frederick F. Wilson	60	...	...	...	...	...	72	...	...	...	1	75	70	1,600	Boonton, "
Fairfield	Elbert N. Sebring	50	...	...	...	...	3	240	1	..	30	...	.	...	1,200	Little Falls, "
Little Falls	George J. Van Neste	67	...	...	3	...	3	100	3	...	80	1	110	333 23	1,491 69	Little Falls, "
Montville	Luther H. Van Doren	98	1	20	...	...	3	124	3	1	.	4	80	413 28	800	Boonton, "
Sixth Paterson, (Holland)	W. A. Houbolt	250	14	7	3	...	10	360	70		90	1	200	106	2,156	Paterson, "
Pompton Plains	J. Henry Whitehead	139	2	4	4	...	10	222	8		...	4	260	154 64	2,095 91	Pompton Plains, "
Pompton	John N. Jansen, (s. c.)	80	7	...	3	...	5	188	5	4	30	2	80	488 68	1,350	Pompton, "
Ponds	Theodore F. Chambers	50	...	...	...	...	...	46	2	...	...	2	80	35	909 82	Oakland, "
Preakness	Albert A. Zabriskie †	*46	...	...	.	...	...	52	...	..	.	...	...	...	...	Paterson, "
Stone House Plains	Vacant	*60	2	...	...	...	...	107	4	2	90	1	40	60 25	1,115 74	Montclair, "
First Totowa, (Paterson)	John Steele	100	7	3	1	...	2	196	3	....	70	1	120	700	1,600	Paterson, "
Wyckoff	Samuel T. Searle	100	2	1	1	1	2	123	21	...	30	1	70	287 95	1,375	Wyckoff, "
	Total	1110	35	35	15	1	33	1730	120	7	365	19	1130	$2,678 98	$15,694 16	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A. G. Ryerson, Paterson, N. J. Rev. John C. Cruikshank, Little Falls, Passaic County, N. J. Rev. James Demarest, 196 Belleville Avenue, Newark, N. J. Rev. A. Vandewater, 408 East 53d Street, New York City.

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† Pastor Elect.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Harlingen	Joan Gardner	150	8	5	12	...	5	251	13	2	80	.....	250	.....	.....	Harlingen, N. J
Readington	John H. Smock	235	7	5	5	...	2	367	25	3	.....	....	427	$835 15	$3,736 81	Readington, "
Ne-Shanic	Gabriel Ludlow	166	2	...	2	...	2	270	6	....	60	.....	250	881	2,300	Ne-Shanic, "
First Philadelphia	Thomas X. Orr	160	7	1	5	...	8	255	3	3	125	.....	116	2,078 55	5,793 75	7th and Spring Garden, Phi
Second Philadelphia	C. P. Masden	200	61	14	10	...	2	270	7	....	.....	.....	350	1,335 10	7,627 40	810 Marshall Street, "
Third Philadelphia	C. P. Wadsworth	140	4	2	4	...	3	218	2	....	100	.....	90	1,430	7,000	138 N. 21st, " "
Fourth Philadelphia	P. S. Talmage (s. c.)	60	2	4	5	...	3	155	9	....	.....	.....	170	257	1.500 80	Roxborough, "
North and Southampton	H. M. Voorhees	115	11	5	2	...	5	*238	9	2	.....	.....	175	471 27	3,179 91	Churchville, Pa.
Blawenburgh	Wm. B. Voorhees	120	2	5	5	...	1	220	14	1	.....	.....	75	533 94	2,600	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Stanton	Edward Cornet	65	5	1	5	...	1	158	3	2	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	Stanton, "
Rocky Hill	H. C. Berg	67	7	6	5	...	2	103	2	3	.....	.....	63	275 71	1,675	Rocky Hill, "
Clover Hill	M. N. Oliver	75	4	8	2	...		124	8	3	.....	....	75	195	6,470 70	Clover Hill, "
Addisville	Isaac Collier	87	4	1	3	...	3	172	4	2	.....	.....	145	400	3,014 40	Richboro, Pa.
	Total	1640	124	57	65	...	37	2801	105	21	365	.....	2186	$8,692 72	$44,898 77	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, Amoy, China. Rev. G. E. Gramm, 1656, Vienna Street, Phil. Rev. H. Doolittle, North Branch, New Jersey.

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CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. C. & S. S.: Number of Catechumens	C. C. & S. S.: Number of Sabbath Schools	C. C. & S. S.: Total Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson	190	2	10	9	...	15	410	1	...	104	.....	282	$1,583 54	.....	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	J. Elmendorf	125	8	6	6	...	1	251	5	2	60	....	120	1,893 80	.....	Poughkeepsie, "
Fishkill	P. E. Kipp	98	10	2	1	...	4	162	1	5	120	.....	75	524 82	$4,000	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	Vacant	115	...	...	...	...	...	258								
New Hackensack	H. Ward	116	14	2	9	...	3	151	5	8	40	.....	200	352 55	1,300	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	A. P. Peeke	185	4	2	2	...	1	294	1	8	100	.....	60	708 90	2,634	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	C. W. Fritts	120	4	3	4	...	3	194	7	2	.....	.....	150	655 65	4,552 04	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	H Dater	80	7	1	3	...	2	170	5	1	.....	.....	60	85	1,849 14	Hyde Park, "
Glenham	J. Scudder, S. S.	55	2	2	3	...	1	64	3	2	.....	.....	113	360	1,250	Glenham "
Cold Spring	Vacant	27	4	....	...	...	...	28	...	2	.....	.....	33	.....	1,158 28	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	H. N. Cobb	100	10	...	2	...	1	122	5	8	.....	.....	125	1,684 60	2,150	Washington, "
	Total	1161	65	28	39	...	31	2294	33	33	444	.....	1168	$7,798 45	$18,893 46	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. H. Vedder, Greenbush. Rev. C. Van Cleef, Poughkeepsie. Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill. Rev. Wm. A. Cornell, Poughkeepsie. Rev. C. D. Rice, Poughkeepsie. Rev. Harrison Heermance, Rhinebeck. Rev. A. N. Wyckoff, Leipzig, Germany.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes		
First Raritan	Abraham Messler	200	5	11	8	...	4	520	5	...	.	. .	150	.....	.....	Somerville,	N. J.
Bedminster	Charles H. Pool	112	3	2	12	...	4	220	7		130	. .	178	$928 43	$1,184 70	Pluckamin,	"
Lebanon	Vacant	160	9		5	...	4	212	4	1	....	....	.....	290	5,829	Lebanon,	"
Rockaway	William Bailey	96	1	14	5	...	2	210	7	.	....	.....	150	384 58	1,715	White House,	"
North Branch	P. M. Doolittle	115	8	11	10	1	1	177	1	..	. ..	.....	100	360 26	1,512 84	North Branch,	"
Second Raritan	J. F. Mesick (s. c.)	180	28	20	28	*45	5	378	11	9	....	... .	200	541 34	2,826 70	Somerville,	"
Peapack	H. P. Thompson	110	8	2	2	...	4	217	8	1	50	.	100	499 70	5,800	Peapack,	"
Branchville	William Pitcher	110	5	9	7	. .	4	198	10	2	....	.	200	244 66	1,450	South Branch,	"
Third Raritan	James LeFevre	130	5	21	8	6	6	276	5	2	100	. .	200	1, 84	4,100	Raritan,	"
Easton	C. H. Edgar	62	5	12	2	...	8	108	5	. .	70	. .	115	655	8,860	Easton,	Pa.
Plainfield	Vacant	24	5	....	2	...	1	62	11	...	....	...	42	56	475	Plainfield,	N. J.
Central Plainfield	Vacant	14	...	....	5	...	...	50	.	...	...	.....	.....	....	408	Plainfield,	"
Pottersville	Vernon B. Carroll	60	5	5	...	...	..	88	3	3	..	.....	50	45 92	1,209 28	Pottersville,	"
High Bridge	Jacob Fehrman	62	11	9	4	...	1	75	4	1	40	... .	55	125	1650	High Bridge,	"
Clinton Station	Vacant	43	6	2	4	...	...	56	3	1	- 40	.....	70	.....	....	Annandale,	"
Wilcox	Vacant	....	6	17	...	.	...	23		....	....	.....	....	....	.....	Wilcox,	Pa.
	Total	1478	105	185	102	52	38	2880	84	20	330	257	1605	$5,159 89	$36,515 02		

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. John Van Derveer, Easton, Pa. Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, New Baltimore, N. Y. Rev. John A. Van Doren, Somerville, N. J. Rev. Wm. Cornell, Somerville, N. J. Rev. Robert Van Amburgh, Lebanon, N. J. Rev. Peter D. Oakey, Ne-Shanic. Rev. H. F. Schnellendreussler, Plainfield, N. J.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd													
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Blooming Grove	Wilson Ingalls	70			2		2	77	2		10	1	106	$91 25	$1,704 76	DeFreestville, N. Y.
Castleton	George A. Mills	86		2			3	139	2		15	1	75	530 35	2,742	Castleton, Rens. Co.
Chatham	James B. Campbell	141	14	3				187	7	11	20	2	150	561 60	1,200	Chatham Village.
First Ghent	John B. Drury	65	2		2		3	82	1		35	1	90	145	1,355	Ghent, Col. Co.
Second Ghent	Vacant	135	10	1	3		7	134	3		30	1	85	175	1,820	Hudson, "
Greenbush	William Anderson	160	7	9	1	1		221	3		170	1	170	272 24	2,694 57	E. Greenbush, N. Y.
Kinderhook	Edward A. Collier	200	3	9	7	1	6	327	5	2	79	1	140	1,661 12	3,297 97	Kinkerhook, N. Y.
Nassau	Alfred H. Brush	150	1	1	3		2	326	4	1	70	1	140	468 90	2,200	Nassau, Rens. Co.
New Concord	†Henry R. Harris	28	1		2			49	2		16	1	71	55	363	New Concord, N. Y.
Schodack	A. B. Peffers	120		3	2	1	4	150	1			4	160	56	1,300	Schodack Landing.
Schodack Landing	Isaac L. Kipp	80	8	3	3	2		126	1	3	80	1	80	250 45	1,594 39	Schodack Landing.
Stuyvesant	Elbert Nevius	*90	1	3	2			*135				1	150	754 45	2,677 86	Stuyvesant
Stuyvesant Falls	Vacant	50	4		1			60		2		1	75	158 70	1,435 50	Stuyvesant Falls.
	Total	1375	51	34	28	5	27	2013	31	19	525	17	1492	$5,580 06	$24,385 05	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. E. L. Heermance, New Haven, Conn. Rev. C. S. Mead, Chatham Village, Columbia County, N. Y. Jno. H. Bevier, Hudson Columbia Co., N. Y.

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CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Certificate	COMMUNICANTS: Dismissed	COMMUNICANTS: Suspended	COMMUNICANTS: Died	COMMUNICANTS: Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. C. & S. S.: Number of Catechumens	C. C. & S. S.: Number of Sabbath Schools	C. C. & S. S.: Total Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Boght	Vacant	47	...	...	1	...	..	56	...	...	...	1	64	...	$1,800	Cohoes.
Buskirks	P. Fürbeck	50	1	...	1	...	1	72	1	1	20	3	80	$25	1,025	Buskirk's Bridge.
Cohoes	C. N. Waldron, (s. c.)	170	24	5	5	...	8	*292	24	8	...	1	220	521	4,058 96	Cohoes.
Easton	Abm. H. Meyers	85	1	3	..	...	..	53	...	...	12	...	...	10 60	326	North Easton.
Fort Miller	Vacant	70	2	2	..	...	3	100	.	...	...	1	40	236	608	Fort Miller.
Gansevoort	A. G. Cochran, S. S	30	1	...	...	...	...	29	...	1	...	1	40	125	650	Gansevoort.
Jackson	Vacant															
Northumberland	Vacant	65	7	...	...	.	...	110	...	3	...	1	50	65	850	Bacon Hill.
Rensselaer	Vacant	20	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Newtonville.
Saratoga	I. H. Collier	117	5	6	4	...	1	170	5	1	100	1	125	439 60	1,856	Schuylerville.
Schaghticoke	S. T Cole	45	1	..	2	...	3	63	...	...	30	1	50	185	4,670	Mechanicsville.
Union Village	J. G Smart	47	1	1	9	..	1	*53	2	1	10	1	62	309 10	16,000	Greenwich.
Waterford	Vacant	20	..	...	..	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Waterford.
West Troy	A. J. Hutton	115	2	11	4	...	1	*184	7	...	...	1	178	769 28	5,508 40	West Troy.
West Troy, South	S. W. Strong	125	6	3	5	...	5	*223	17	1	125	1	214	567 16	9,572 10	West Troy.
Wynantskill	Vacant	50	4	...	2	...	...	80	...	...	.	1	40	44 05	890	Wynantskill.
	Total	1006	55	31	33	...	18	1520	56	16	297	14	1163	$3,297 04	$46,814 46	

Ministers without Charge—O. H. Gregory, West Troy. H. A. Raymond, Schenectady. John Smith, Greenbush. J. S. Wyckoff, Wood Haven, Queen's Co., N. Y J. S. L. Tomb, North Chatham, N. Y.

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CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd													
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
First Schenectady	A. G. Vermilye	315	4	5	1	...	12	470	8	1	275	1	225	$1,250	$5,107	Schenectady, N. Y.
Second Schenectady	W. H. Phraner	180	2	8	3	...	5	182	2	...	...	1	150	212 39	3.166 51	Schenectady, N. Y.
First Glenville	John Minor	130	4	2	2	...	3	221	5	2	80	...	180	275 30	2,311 17	Glenville, Sch'y Co.
Second Glenville	A. Johnston	94	5	4	1	...	3	118	...	2	100	3	116	56 50	915 54	Scotia, " "
First Rotterdam	J. C. Lowe	131	1	...	...	...	1	89	...	...	...	...	150	70 13	612	Van Vechten.
Second Rotterdam	W. P. Davis	100	2	...	1	...	1	120	2	...	40	2	150	130	1,400	Schenectady.
Helderbergh	S. L. Gamble	213	7	6	...	...	1	423	8	2	150	...	275	325	3,088	Guilderland Centre.
Niskayuna	J. A. De Baun, (s. c.)	100	4	6	...	...	3	178	12	1	80	2	100	207 25	2,800	Niskayuna, Sar. Co.
Lisha's Kill	J. A. De Baun	85	...	...	8	...	1	133	5	...	90	2	100	234 85	1.200	Niskayuna, "
Amity	W. W. Letson	102	3	...	2	...	1	152	1	...	40	...	120	205	2,950	Vischer's Ferry.
Princetown	Vacant	*70	...	..	...	...	...	145	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Duanesville, N. Y.
Cranesville	Vacant	20	2		...	...	1	15	...	...	...	1	...	...	320	Cranesville, N. Y.
	Total	1540	34	30	18	...	32	2290	43	8	855	12	1566	$2,965 92	$23,870 22	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A. J. Switz, Schenectady, N. Y. Rev. R. B. Welch, Professor in Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. Rev. R. L. Schoonmaker, Chaplain State Prison, Sing Sing, N. Y. Rev. D. B. Hall, Duanesburgh, N. Y. Rev. D. Wortman, D.D., Hopewell Junction, N. Y. Rev. A. A. Bookstaver, Montgomery, Orange Co., N. Y.

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CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE—P. S. A.

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			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Schoharie	E. Vedder, (s. c.)	108	1	2	...	...	1	134	7	...	...	3	225	$79 65	$1,487	Schoharie.
Middleburgh	S. W. Roe	92	...	3	...	...	2	134	2	...	...	2	120	290 94	1,711	Middleburgh.
Gallupville	J. H. Kershow	65	8	4	5	...	4	106	3	5	30	1	120	97 45	1,087 17	Gallupville.
Berne	Robert Doig	59	..	1	1	..	1	112	...	..	15	1	50	142 73	508 55	Berne.
Beaver Dam	" "	50	...	...	1	...	2	79	...	...	15	1	60	47 25	392 19	Berne.
Lawyerville	J. Markle	30	...		1	...	4	39	...	...	...	1	30	10 60	300	Lawyerville.
Schoharie, Mt.	"	21	1	...	1	...	...	23	...	1	...	1	25	2 50	300	Lawyerville.
N. Blenheim	E. Miller	34	...	...	...	...	1	29	...	...	12	1	35	...	300	North Blenheim.
Breakabin	"	24	36	...	...	...	1	54	...	20	30	1	95	...	350	North Blenheim.
Sharon	T. L. Shaffer	50	4	...	...	...	...	104	1	...	...	1	80	30	700	Sharon Center.
Gilboa	Vacant	85	...	...	...	...	...	117	...	...	30	1	75	...	...	Gilboa.
Eminence	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total	618	50	10	9	...	16	931	13	26	130	14	925	$701 12	$7,185 90	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. S. Lott, 38 East Kinney St., Newark, N. J. Rev. J. H. Van Wert, Lawyerville, Schoharie Co., N. Y. Rev. J. I
Scribner, Middleburgh, Schoharie, Co., N. Y.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Blue Mountain	A. P. Freeze	80	9	2	5	...	2	137	29	2	...	1	164	$88 16	$766 87	Saugerties, Ulster Co.
Castaban	...	75	3	1	5	...	1	146	5	...	...	1	80	212 65	825	" "
Esopus	J N. Voorhis, (s. c)	100	2	2	...	...	...	51	5	2	70	2	120	60	800	Ulster Park, "
Flatbush	...	115	21	3	4	1	5	253	32	12	130	1	250	629 97	1,721 22	Glasco, "
Kingston	D. N. Van Derveer	257	27	3	6	...	11	628	9	7	260	1	160	1,629 80	4,488 10	Kingston, "
North Esopus	A. M. Arcularius	87	1	...	2	...	3	122	7	1	20	1	188	349 59	1,598 77	Port Ewen, "
Plattekill	...	146	17	2	1	...	6	274	21	...	...	1	80	222	1,294	Glasco, "
Saugerties	S. H. Cobb	155	3	3	7	1	2	243	9	...	110	1	140	2,707 38	3,204 58	Saugerties, "
Shokan	Jno. W. Hammond	85	2	...	1	...	2	160	2	1	30	1	90	...	...	Shokan, "
Shandaken	Jno. W. Hammond	36	2	...	...	...	...	47	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	" "
West Hurley	C Blauvelt	70	4	2	2	3	2	101	15	2	80	1	80	78 23	1,505 18	West Hurley, "
Woodstock	W. S. Moore	60	...	2	2	...	2	93	1	...	90	1	142	52 21	947 85	Woodstock, "
Wiltwyck	A. Westveer	40	1	4	...	...	...	56	...	...	60	1	125	36 46	347 26	Kingston, "
	Total	1306	99	29	34	5	36	2311	135	26	770	13	1619	$6,072 46	$17,375 78	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. W. L. James, Kingston, N. Y. John C. F. Hoes, D.D., Kingston, N. Y. Rev. N. F. Chapman.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Bronxville	Alfred E. Myers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	.	.....	.....	.....	Pelham, N. Y.
Cortlandtown	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	Montrose, "
Fordham	William Brush	64	6	2	1	...	...	77	2	1	25	.. .	70	$200	$2,446 48	Fordham, "
Greenburg	Vacant	40	...	...	3	1	...	34	....	...	28	....	30	15	249	White Plains, "
Greenville	John H. Pitcher	32	1	...	...	...	...	50	...	...	20	....	30	35	4,068 66	Scarsdale, "
Hastings	Thomas R. G. Peck	104	16	3	2	...	2	162	2	1	. .	.....	150	1,284 77	3,054 61	Hastings-on-Hudson, "
Melrose	George Windemuth	53	5	7	5	...	...	106	25	...	40	.. .	135	67	1,178 27	Morrisania, "
Mount Vernon	Mancius H. Hutton, (s.c.)	107	13	21	6	...	2	156	10	..	170	.....	170	256 65	5,985 45	Mount Vernon, "
Peekskill	Vacant	68	8	2	1	..	...	118	4	4	65	.....	110	324 89	3,100	Peekskill, "
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	125	4	7	4	...	5	244	7	...	125	.. .	167	762 82	7,211	North Tarrytown, "
Tarrytown, Second	John A. Todd	100	9	19	12	...	9	302	7	3	60	.....	100	1,718 47	4,216 45	Tarrytown, "
Unionville	Laurence H. Van Dyck	54	2	...	...	...	2	48	....	1	20	.....	30	119 70	600	Neperan "
West Farms	John Simonson	65	3	...	8	...	...	69	6	...	35	.....	70	2,247 48	1,687 99	West Farms, "
White Plains	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	White Plains, "
Yonkers	David Cole	135	11	8	10	...	6	217	18	3	342	....	342	1,807 64	10,051 90	Yonkers, "
	Total	942	77	69	52	1	26	1583	84	12	930	...	1404	$8,989 88	$50,914 81	

Ministers without Charge.—John Garretson, D.D., New Brunswick, N. J. W. W. Rand, 150 Nassau St., N. Y. W. Roosevelt, Pelham, N. Y.
Candidates.—Alex. Watson, Sing Sing, N. Y. Alphonso Wood, West Farms, N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Alto	John H. Karsten	96	12	2	15	1	4	183	21	....	170	....	....	$375 00	$1,784 66	Waupun, Wis.
Bethlehem	Vacant*	18	...	...	...	...	...	31	...	....	....	....	.	.....	.....	Town 8, Milwaukee Co., Wis
Danforth	A. Duiker*	18	...	...	...	...	...	23	...	....	....	....		.....	.....	Danforth, Iroquois Co., Ill.
Chicago	B. de Bey	168	22	43	28	9	17	266	43	...	150	1	140	1,085 09	4,086 94	Chicago, "
Franklin	Vacant	21	...	...	2	...	1	45	1	..	17	....	....	276	125	Franklin, Milwaukee Co., Wis
Forreston	F. E Schlieder	56	1	...	...	2	7	44	11	....	6		....	25	2,014 12	Forreston, Ill.
Fulton	John V. d. Meulen	47	5	3	...	...	...	46	10	....	55	1	40	170	600	Fulton, "
Gibbsville	J. W. Dunnewold	74	3	8	4	...	3	145	16	....	145	1	125	300	900	Gibbsville, Sheboygan Co., Wi
Greenleaf	P. Lepeltak	55	3	3	6	1	1	85	10	....	105	1	50	125	1,055	Forestville, Fillmore Co., "
Holland, Wis	H. Stobbelaar	80	5	4	11	...	8	180	22	....	90	1	100	637 86	815 35	Cedar Grove, Sheb'n. Co., "
High Prairie	H. R. Koopman	97	11	18	4	...	2	177	24	....	151	....	....	928 10	1,336 20	Calumet, Cook Co., Ill.
Holland, Neb	J. W. te Winkel	64	1	13	...	...	...	85	12	..	60	1	40	50	824	South Pass, Lancaster Co., Ne
Milwaukee	A Zwemer (s. c).	64	1	1	2	2	4	124	12	....	95	1	145	552	1,083	673 Tenth St. Milwaukee, Wis
Oostburg	Vacant	40	3	1	2	..	5	90	6	....	56	...	....	168 74	257 56	Oostburg, Sheboygan Co., Wis
Peoria	John Muller	45	22	2	...	..	1	42	13	....	15	1	90	25 00	1,400	Peoria, Ill.
P. P. & Wh. Rock	Vacant	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	P. P. & Wh. Rock Ogle Co., Il
South Holland	A. Buursma	90	14	6	10	1	1	146	28	3	100	....	..	380	1 573 17	South Holland, Cook Co., "
Silver Creek	N. M. Steffens	116	12	5	2	.	2	129	51	....	72	1	64	496 49	2,700 56	Freeport, "
Sheboygan Falls	Vacant*	10	...	...	...	...	.	19	....	....	....	.	....	.....	.....	Sheboygan Falls, Sheboygan Co Wis.
	Total	1154	115	109	86	16	56	1860	275	3	1287	9	794	$5,587 28	$20,055 56	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Charles Wilson, Missionary, Two Rivers, Wis. Rev. K. van der Schuur, Oostburg, Sheboygan Co., Wis. Rev. H. G. Kl
Pella, Iowa.

* Last year's report

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA, FOR THE YEAR 1873.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	No. of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. No. of S. Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total No. Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
Classis of Albany	17	18	..	1511	70	81	2876	124	18	1162	23	2810	$12.189 37	$36,502 97	Rev. J. Lansing Pearse.
Classis of Arcot	17	10	2	774	66	54	738	88	56	618	43	682	1,242 42	47 28	Jacob Chamberlain.
Classis of Bergen	14	16	1	1287	54	87	1447	250	11	890	14	2604	5,289 19	28 502 98	W. R. Gordon.
South Classis of Bergen	11	11	..	888	125	87	1386	91	10	1136	11	2026	9 468 92	38,826 22	Wm. Rankin Duryee.
Classis of Cayuga	12	11	..	922	61	80	1289	46	24	1120	16	1407	17 287 08	28.588 62	M. L. Berger.
Classis of Grand River	11	8	..	1325	118	137	1508	314	0	1058	6	1182	3.514	19.201	J. De Pree.
Classis of Geneva	19	14	..	1179	85	84	1993	167	9	265	18	1121	2.787 82	28,846 06	John Whitbeck.
Classis of Greene	10	11		695	95	19	1329	44	33	130	9	747	2,783 41	12.011 99	F. A. Horton.
Classis of Holland	16	13	..	1060	66	68	1756	195	1	1410	9	1241	4,326 26	12,564 19	W. Moerdyk.
Classis of Hudson	10	13	.	1076	100	45	1510	64	44	190	10	1777	3,072 81	19.689 19	Edwin Holmes.
Classis of Illinois	19	20	..	1182	278	157	1782	232	25	708	27	1985	3,240 17	22,575 50	J. S. Joralmon.
Classis of Kingston	13	10	..	1408	55	42	2095	67	26	686	23	2297	3.366 55	38,801 89	Philip Peltz.
North Classis of Long Island	18	23	1	1697	151	56	2810	305	39	982	24	3185	4.726 18	92,910 45	Wm. H. Ten Eyck.
South Classis of Long Island	12	19	..	1692	192	128	3180	205	32	1664	19	3880	38,724	55,999 66	David S. Sutphen.
Classis of Michigan	9	7	..	358	25	22	561	9	13	..	10	1169	1.258 16	4,798 16	J. W. Beardslee.
Classis of Monmouth	8	8	..	604	38	15	1104	40	16	395	13	670	2,414 43	14,081 24	James Bolton.
Classis of Montgomery	23	16	..	1612	144	21	1825	61	61	188	4	1382	2.981 45	43,122 26	A. J. Hageman.
Classis of Newark	11	14	..	1282	99	88	1835	130	28	1348	11	2485	13.996 74	65,560 96	Isaac P. Brokaw.
Classis of New Brunswick	10	19	2	1078	67	74	2018	69	14	588	26	1775	10,112 21	21,137	Richard H. Steele.
Classis of New York	16	31	.	2062	244	128	4596	194	42	3067	23	5891	54.071 62	59,974 48	T. W Chambers.
South Classis of New York	7	8	1	498	75	11	1287	155	8	735	8	1255	5.872 52	19.497 46	S. H Meeker.
Classis of Orange	25	28	..	2154	165	56	3277	188	31	1275	25	2137	5,984	30,987 88	Edward W. Bentley
Classis of Paramus	19	21	2	1693	98	111	2424	165	17	1436	23	2359	8,647 44	48,047 68	Marshall W. Smith.
Classis of Passaic	13	16	..	1110	35	35	1780	120	7	365	19	1180	2,678 98	15,694 16	John N. Jansen.
Classis of Philadelphia	13	16	..	1640	124	57	2801	105	21	365	13	2186	8,692 72	44,898 77	P. Stryker Talmage.
Classis of Poughkeepsie	11	16	..	1161	65	28	2294	33	33	444	11	1168	7,798 45	18.898 47	A. P. Van Gieson.
Classis of Raritan	16	18	..	1478	105	135	2880	84	20	330	20	1605	5.159 89	36.515 02	John F. Mesick.
Classis of Rensselaer	13	14	..	1375	51	34	2013	31	19	525	17	1492	5.280 06	24,865 05	E. Nevius.
Classis of Saratoga	16	14	..	1006	55	31	1510	56	16	297	14	1163	3,297 04	46.814 46	C. N. Waldron.
Classis of Schenectady	12	15	..	1510	34	30	2290	43	8	555	12	1566	2.965 92	23,870 22	J. A De Baun.
Classis of Schoharie	12	10	..	618	50	10	931	13	26	181	14	925	701 12	7,195 90	E. Vedder.
Classis of Ulster	13	12	..	1306	99	29	2311	135	26	770	13	1619	6.072 45	17,875 78	J. N. Voorhis.
Classis of Westchester	15	14	2	942	77	69	1583	84	13	980	15	1404	8,989 88	50,914 82	Mancius H. Hutton.
Classis of Wisconsin	19	17	..	1154	115	109	1860	275	8	1287	9	794	5,587 56	20,055 41	A. Zwemer.
Total	481	501	11	41244	3331	2088	67123	4177	745	26298	542	66508	$276,889 82	$1057,430 30	

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee report on examination of the Minutes of General Synod for 1872, nothing requiring the further attention of Synod.

They have also examined the Minutes of the several Particular Synods, and notice the adjournment of the Particular Synod of New York on the first and only day of its session, without regard to the resolution number 6, page 120 of the Digest reconstituting the Particular Synods.

A want of attention to the same resolution would seem to be the case in the Synod of Chicago, whose Minutes give no date of the time of adjournment, nor of any notice of the special matter referred to in the above resolution.

Attention is called to a request on Minutes of the Synod of Chicago, page 50, that General Synod will make arrangements with the Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, by which he shall be enabled to visit the Western field this summer in the interest of the Missionary Churches and of the Board.

We therefore recommend that this request be referred to the Board of Domestic Missions with power.

The attention of the Several Particular Synods is called to resolution of Minutes of General Synod, page 441, number 3.

Resolved, That the interchange of delegates between Particular Synods be discontinued.

We recommend that the attention of the Particular Synods of New York and Chicago be called to resolution No. 6, page 120 Digest.

WM. V. MABON, *Chairman.*

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures presented the following Report which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures respectfully report as follows upon the matters submitted to their consideration.

1. A petition from the Classis of New Brunswick, asks in behalf of James Harper a dispensation of one year, from the regular

course of Theological study in the Seminary, so that he may enter the middle class.

Your Committee recommend that the dispensation be granted.

2. The Classis of New York, asks in behalf of Samuel M. Jackson, a dispensation relieving him from the rule requiring a Professorial certificate from New Brunswick, in order to be admitted to an examination for licensure by the Classis. Mr. Jackson has pursued a full course of Theological study, one year at Princeton, and two years at the Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York. His reason for asking this permission is, that he may commence his ministerial life in the Church of his birth and nurture, which he prefers to all others. Your Committee recommend that this petition be granted.

3. The Classis of Paramus presents a petition in behalf of Gysbert Rietmulder, that General Synod will grant a dispensation in order to his examination by Classis with a view to his licensure and ordination. The facts in the case submitted are as follows. A letter signed by all the Consistory of the Holland Church of Lodi, was laid before Classis, representing the difficulty of securing a pastor, or services in the Holland language, and that Mr. Rietmulder having acted as a lay exhorter for three months, had also conducted their Sabbath services to the edification of the people; that he has received instructions in divinity in Holland, and that they desire Classis to take steps for securing a dispensation from the prescribed course of study that he might be ordained and installed as their pastor.

A committee of Classis familiar with the Dutch language after having examined him, reported as follows, "Mr. Reitmulder is of good bodily health, has studied Divinity for about four years and a half with the Rev. A. Noetten, a minister of the Reformed Church of the Netherlands, that he, Mr. Rietmulder, appears to be sound in doctrinal views, and to have a child-like faith in Christ." In view of the peculiar circumstances of the case, your Committee recommend that the dispensation be granted.

Resolved, That the Classis of Paramus be enjoined to proceed with the utmost care in the examination for licensure and ordination of Mr. Gysbert Rietmulder, to whom this General Synod has granted a dispensation.

4. The Classis of Philadelphia asks from General Synod a decision in regard to the constitutional power—if any, vested in Classis to dissolve the denominational relations of any individual Church under its jurisdiction.

Your Committee on inquiry have ascertained that the object of the request is, if possible, to provide for a friendly transfer of an entire Church, including members and property to another denomination. In response to which your Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Classis be referred to the action of a former Synod as recorded in the Digest, Chap. 9, Sec. 4, page 94, and that this Synod reaffirm the policy therein defined of forbearing to legislate on abstract questions.

Resolved, That the Synod take this action in the full belief that the civil law sufficiently defines the ability of the Classis to secure the tenure of ecclesiastical property to its churches.

5. An overture from the Classis of Paramus calls the attention of Synod to the constant pressure upon the Benevolent Boards for money; and in view of the annual expense of about $19,000 00, now paid for collecting and distributing funds, suggests as a mode of lessening these expenses, that whilst the distinctive Boards remain as they are, a Financial Agent be appointed as a substitute for the present number of secretaries, whose business it shall be to present the wants of the different objects under their care to the churches, attend to the distribution of the funds, and report the doings of the Boards annually to General Synod.

This subject came before Synod last year by an overture from the Classis of Newark. After due consideration Synod declined to make the proposed change.

The additional application of another Classis this year to the same effect shows a growing desire in the churches for a diminution as far as possible of the expenses of these Boards. It is possible to reduce the expense of conducting the Boards and at the same time to so reduce their efficiency as to render the experiment totally inexpedient if not disastrous. In view, therefore, of the individual importance of the objects involved, and the work to be done, together with the success of the plan already tried, your Committee would for the present recommend no change in the matter, but with one exception, viz.: the Board of Publication. The

expense of a distinct Secretaryship for this seems entirely disproportioned to the benefit derived. We recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication reduce its officers and clerks to such an extent that the entire salaries paid shall not exceed Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, per annum.

The Classis of New York sends the following overture, asking General Synod

1. "To declare such a standard of interpretation regarding the 'number of families,' as shall be intelligible, practicable, and of uniform application among the churches."

As this request seems already met in the Digest, where it is directed that "under the head 'Number of Families' only such be reckoned as are attendants upon the services of the Church," and as it would be difficult, if not impossible to devise a more specific rule. applicable to every conceiveable case, your Committee forbear to recommend anything further.

2. "To make binding upon all pastors to secure the systematic instruction in the Catechism of all the scholars in the Sabbath-schools connected with the Churches, and then drop from the statistical table the column entitled 'No. of Catechumens."

Inasmuch as this subject is already treated of in the Constitution and Digest, your Committee call attention to the injunction as therein contained.

3. "That the General Synod be requested to define the year for which the statistical reports of the Churches are to be made: whether it be reckoned from April to April, or from January 1, to December 31."

On this subject your Committee recommend that the statistical year be reckoned from April to April.

Two Overtures of similar import from the Classes of Poughkeepsie and Hudson present the request that General Synod approve and recommend the collection of hymns and tunes entitled "Songs of the Sanctuary," to the end that such of the Churches as wish so to do, may in accordance with the constitutional requirement, be permitted to use such collection in their public worship: and setting forth as reasons therefore, the acknowledged excellence of the work: its orthodox and unsectarian character, and the fact that it is already employed in nearly two thousand Evangelical Churches in this country.

The importance of the Hymnology of the Church, and the provision of music fitted to assist devotion, is evident.

It is also desirable, when practicable, that the entire denomination should observe uniformity in the use of that which is best. Progress, however, in this department of public worship has rendered it difficult to keep pace with the times. To aid in this direction Synod has already approved of more than one mode of public praise, so that absolute uniformity is interrupted.

The question now occurs, what ought Synod further to do in response to the present requests. It seems that the last book of praise approved by General Synod is not objected to on account of its poetry, but chiefly on account of its many unsatisfactory tunes. Many hymns, which in the memory of the Church have been associated with particular tunes, have been separated therefrom, and set to music of modern composition, to the exclusion of much music of superior excellence.

Therefore your Committee recommend,

1. That a Committee of five, representing as far as possible the whole denomination, be appointed to unite with the present Committee on Hymnology, to revise the music and hymns of the book entitled "Hymns of the Church," and endeavor to secure, if possible, its publication at a lower price.

The following persons were appointed the Committee in accordance with the above resolution—Revs. A. P. Van Gieson, H. D. Ganse, W. H. Clark, C. D. Hartranft, and Mr. Jonathan Sturges.

There has been placed in the hands of your Committee on Overtures, a letter from Mr. David S. Jones, an Elder, Trustee and Treasurer of the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia, together with a printed report of the action of the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia, stating that at a meeting held in that city on the 9th day of June, 1873, an application was received from the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia, asking to be received into connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, which request was granted.

The letter asks from General Synod instructions in the premises.

It appears to your Committee, that the action of the Trustees of the said Church has been hasty and irregular, and in view of the facts they recommend the following action:

RESOLVED: *First.* That the Treasurer of the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia, who is also the Treasurer of the Benevolent

Fund of that church, be instructed to hold the trust funds which are in his hands, subject to the specific terms of the bequest or bequests under which they are held.

RESOLVED: *Second.* That the recent action of the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia, in receiving the Third Reformed Church of that City, is not in accordance with the friendly spirit of the terms of the correspondence which exists between the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the General Synod of the Reformed Church.

RESOLVED: *Third.* That our delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church be directed to call the attention of the said Assembly to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
V. M. HULBERT, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Reports were received from all the Classes except Grand River, Geneva, Greene, Holland, and Wisconsin, containing their action on the revised Constitution, which were referred to a special Committee consisting of Rev. William R. Gordon, Rev. R. Pieters, and Elder J. V. D. Hoagland.

The Committee presented a report which was accepted, and together with the whole subject of the revision of the Constitution, was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. H. D. Ganse, W. V. V. Mabon, W. R. Gordon, M. S. Hutton, and Elder R. H. Pruyn, who presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee to whom it was referred to propose action in regard to the revised Constitution, recommend the following:

Whereas, Great doubt is expressed in regard to the regularity of that action of the last General Synod, by which some excepted sections of the amended Constitution were sent down to the Classes for their action. And

Whereas, The discussion which has been had upon the revised Constitution during the past year has revealed some points at which further amendment may be desirable.

1. *Resolved*, That the following amendments be made to the revised Constitution, as recommended last year.

1. By adding to Art II, Sec. 15, the following: "But it is provided, that whenever either minister or consistory shall not join in the application, that fact shall be plainly stated in the report above described, in which case no dismission shall be made by the Classis except after a hearing of both minister and consistory in open Classis, of which hearing ten days notice shall have first been given to both parties by the President of the Classis, whose warrant for such notice, and call of Classis, shall be the report as above described. Nor shall any dismission be effected under circumstances now specified except by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Classis present."

2. By striking out from Art. VI., Sec. 3, the following words: "And no consistory shall be allowed to dissolve a Church, or transfer its property to another denomination without consent of Classis."

2. *Resolved*, That the revised Constitution, amended as above, be submitted by this Synod to the Classes as a whole, with the exception of the following sections, viz: Art. VII., Sec. 4, of the Deputatus Synodi; Art. VIII., Sec. 4, of same subject: Art. VII. Sec. 8, the second question in reference to the Heidelberg Catechism; Art. X., Sec. 4, in reference to the order of worship; which shall be submitted separately, with the recommendation of this General Synod, that the respective Classes shall adopt the Constitution as a whole, with the exception of the above specified sections, and with the recommendation that the Classes adopt each of the above sections separately.

3. *Resolved*, That in the event of the rejection of any of the sections, the number of the succeeding sections be changed accordingly.

4. *Resolved*, That the special attention of the Classes be called to the necessity of action upon the revised Constitution at their fall meetings, that Synod may have it fully before them next year.

In regard to additional amendments to the Constitution which have been proposed by some of the Classes, your Committee report that they find it impossible, at this late evening of the session to consider them even in Committee, and suggest that all additional

changes that can be thought necessary can be be made at any future time, in the ordinary constitutional way.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. GANSE,
WM. V. V. MABON,
W. R. GORDON,
R. H. PRUYN.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

The Committee on the revision of the Liturgy presented a Report which was accepted and made a special order, but the printer having failed to furnish the Synod with copies of the revised Liturgy and Report, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Report be recommitted to the same Committee, in order that they may get it printed, and present it to the next General Synod; and in the mean time, as soon as practicable, they be required to send a copy to each Consistory for information.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Forty-first Annual Report of the Board of Education was received and referred to the Committee on Education, with the exception of so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education was received, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education presented the following Report which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Education respectfully report, that but two documents have been placed in their hands demanding the attention of Synod.

This document is well put together, and clearly exhibits the present state of the Board. Its circulation among the members of Synod in a printed form is a great improvement upon the old method, by which the contents of such documents first came to us by the reading of Secretaries, whereas the members may now peruse their pages at leisure, and have time to consider well their contents. There is, therefore, happily no need of extracts or lengthened remark, but your Committee say that it is important for the interests of this Board, and the members of this Synod, that this Report be deliberately read, and its suggestions duly considered.

It is admittted that the subject of education is so well understood to be important in connection with a competent Ministry, that nothing need be said upon that point; yet your Committee must suggest that much passes for education in our day not entitled to that honorable title, and therefore correct views upon the subject should be familiarized to the mind of every one, so that every one may feel the importance of the interests committed to this Board.

Your Committee recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the present indebtedness of the Board, amounting to Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, ought to be immediately removed, and that it be recommended that efforts be made upon the part of all our Consistories to bring this matter before their respective Churches.

Resolved, That the Scholarships founded and called "the Mary Le Compte," "the James Peter's" Fund, the former amounting to $3,000, and the latter to $3,500, are additional noble gifts for which our gratitude is due to God, as well as to the generous donors.

A communication from the Classis of New Brunswick, stating the fact, that said Classis has recommended young men for aid to the Board of Education who have not been received by said Board, and basing a resolution thereon, "that the Classis of New Brunswick request the General Synod to define the duty of the Board in such cases."

Your Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Classis of New Brunswick are respectfully reminded that the duties of the Board of Education are sufficiently defined in Chap. 6 of the Digest, and that every applicant of fair promise, who has complied with the directions therein laid down,

will be received and aided by the Board, because this is the object of their existence.

Resolved, That the last Thursday of January next be recommended as a day of prayer for the blessing of God upon all our youth in the various Colleges and Seminaries in the land.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. GORDON, *Chairman.*
P. E. KIPP,
WM. CROWELL.

The Committee on Nominations reported, and the Synod proceeded by ballot to fill vacancies in the Board. The following were elected:

Rev. C. S. Hageman, D.D., Geo. Van Neste, John Gaston, D. D., S. J. Rogers, Mr. Walter Brett, John Lefferts, John D. Prince, George Stewart.

ARTICLE XIII.

CHURCH COLLEGES.

Several papers pertaining to Hope College were presented by the Secretary of the Council, Rev. A. T. Stewart, who stated that they had not been formally acted upon by the Council for want of a quorum. They were received and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Revised lists of the members of the Council of Hope College, with their terms of service, were received from the Classes in the Particular Synod of Chicago, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A supplementary report from the Rev. Philip Phelps, D.D., President of Hope College, was received and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

The Committee on the Professorate presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Professorate respectfully report in order upon the matters that have been referred to them.

1. BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

The report of the Board of Superintendents records the healthy and hopeful condition of the Seminary at New Brunswick, the diligence and exemplary deportment of the students during the year, the honor reflected by the late examinations upon the classes examined, and upon their Professors new and old. The report will be printed. and for that reason its details are not repeated by this Committee.

One important recommendation of the Board, however, demands the attention of the Synod. It will be remembered that the last Synod, in providing for the introduction of laymen into the Board of Superintendents contemplated the transfer of all the functions of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Hall to the Board of Superintendents as thus reconstructed. But the report now before your Committee suggests important reasons for maintaining for some time at least the separate organization of the present Standing Committee. With what zeal and abounding liberality that Committee has cared for the interest of the Seminary is universally understood. The report argues that the work for which the Committee was first appointed is not yet complete, and advises that it be left in their hands. Your Committee adopt the advice of the Board, and recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the present members of the Standing Committee on Peter Hertzog Hall be re-appointed to the same office for a further period of three years; that the vacancy in the Committee occasioned by the death of Mr. Suydam be filled by the remaining members of the Committee, and that the Professorial member of the Committee be appointed annually by the Theological Faculty.

2. ORGANIZATION OF THE NEW BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

Inasmuch as the fundamental change made in the Constitution of the Board of Superintendents puts a sudden end to the Board as formerly constituted, and inasmuch as the Theological Seminary cannot with propriety be left without a Board of Superintendents until the ordinary time of the meeting of the Board now nearly a year distant, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the members elected to the Board of Superintendents, meet in the Library of Hertzog Hall, on Wednesday, June

18th, at 3 o'clock P. M., for organization by the election of officers, and that such members as may then assemble be a quorum for the purpose of organization.

Resolved, That, until otherwise ordered, the rules governing the late Board of Superintendents shall govern the proceedings of the new Board.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of the former Board of Superintendents be authorized to call together the new Board, and to act as Stated Clerk until a Stated Clerk shall be chosen by the Board.

3. HOPE COLLEGE.

In regard to this Institution, three different classes of papers have come into the hands of your Committee.

1. The responses of the several Classes of the Synod of Chicago to the recommendation of the last General Synod, that those Classes designate which of their representatives shall remain members of Council until 1874, 1876, 1878, and 1880 respectively.

These responses, when classified, give the following table:

Members whose term expires in 1874.—Elder Wm. McCormick, from the Classis of Michigan; Rev. U. D. Gulick, from the Classis of Illinois; Elder H. O. Yntema, from the Classis of Holland; Rev. John Muller, from the Classis of Wisconsin; Rev. A. Kriekard, from the Classis of Grand River.

Members whose term expires in 1876.—Rev. J. W. Beardslee, from the Classis of Michigan; Rev. A. Thompson, from the Classis of Illinois; Rev. D. Broek, from the Classis of Holland Rev. John H. Karsten, from the Classis of Wisconsin; Rev. C. Van Der Meulen, from the Classis of Grand River.

Members whose term expires in 1878.—Rev. A. H. Van Vranken from the Classis of Michigan: Elder L. Vile, from the Classis of Illinois; Rev. H. Uiterwyk, from the Classis of Holland; Rev. A. Zwemer, from the Classis of Wisconsin; Rev. James de Pree, from the Classis of Grand River.

Members whose term expires in 1880.—Rev. A. T. Stewart, from the Classis of Michigan; Rev. J. S. Joralmon, from the Classis of Illinois; Rev. P. De Pree, from the Classis of Holland; Elder A. de Roo, from the Classis of Wisconsin, Elder K. Brouwer, from the Classis of Grand River.

hands of your Committee, and the names tabulated above, in connection with the name of that Classis, are taken from the printed Minutes of the Synod of Chicago. Your Committee recommend that the nominations so made by these Classes be confirmed.

2. A number of papers presented to the Synod by the Secretary of the Council of Hope College, consisting of three reports addressed to the Council, together with what appears to be a Minute of an act of the Council, though bearing neither date nor signature. The last named paper seems to require no attention from your Committee. The reports are in due form, bear official signatures, and are made, one by the Academic Faculty, one by the Theological Faculty, and one by the Committee to receive students to the Theological Department. The last two reports are addressed to the Council acting as a Board of Superintendents. These reports have been presented to the General Synod by the Secretary of the Council of Hope College, on account of the failure of the Council to embody them in an annual report of its own to this Synod, no quorum having been present at the meeting of the Council, at which such report was to have been adopted.

From these official reports, your Committee condense, for the information of the Synod and of the churches, the following facts:

The following students have been in attendance during the year as members of the Theological Department:

Senior Class.—Henry Boer, Peter De Bruyn, John A. De Spelden, James F. Zwemer.

Middle Class.—John Hofman, Nicholas Neerken.

The following have attended since Sept. 24th, 1872:

Junior Class.—Howard H. Van Vranken, Arend Vischer, Andrew Wormser.

The following has attended the recitations of the Junior Class as student in elective course under the provisions of the amended Constitution, Sec. 3, p. 311, Gen. Synod's Min. for 1871: Wm. Hazenberg.

The diligence of the students has been commendable, and their general deportment consistent with their Christian profession.

Besides his regular branches of instruction, Prof. Crispell has taught the Senior and Junior Classes in Pastoral Theology by appointment of Council, and the Junior Class in Biblical Archaeology

at the request of the Faculty. By appointment of Council, Rev. R. Pieters has instructed the Senior and Middle Classes in Exegetical Theology, and Rev. C. Van Derveen the Senior, Middle and Junior Classes in Sacred Rhetoric.

The Academic Department has contained the following Classes:

JUNIOR—SENIOR.

Edwin A. Bedell,	Helmus E. Nies,
Jan Hockje,	Herman van der Wart,
Josias Mulendyke,	Jacob Van Haltereen.

SOPHOMORE—JUNIOR.

Cornelius Kriekard,	Herman Van der Ploy,
Joseph G. Millspaugh,	Cornelius Wabeke.

FRESHMAN—SOPHOMORE.

Henry Baron,	Robt. B. D. Simonson,
Laurens Dykstra,	Evert Smits,
Theodore Kennick,	Wm. V. Steele,
Jan Kolwood,	John Visscher.
Thomas Kruyger,	

FRESHMAN.

Frederick Bakker,	Albert A. Pfanstiehl,
Albert Broek,	Cornelus Van Oosten Brugge,
Frank Force,	Arne Venema,
John Kerkhoff,	Douwe Yutema.
Matthew Koleyn,	Total 28.

The regular examinations have been held during the year, and have been sustained.

3. The Committee have also had referred to them a report of the President of Hope College, which on account of the failure of a report from the Council as above explained, he has very properly made to Synod in his own name.

In accordance with his suggestion, your Committee recommend that the following passages in that report be printed in full in the Minutes of Synod for the information of the churches.

PHILIP PHELPS, JR., PRESIDENT OF HOPE COLLEGE.

RECEIPTS.

Endowment Interest		$2,403 73
Fees		108
Donations as follows:		
Samuel B. Schieffelin	$100	
J. Kerkhof	10	
J. Van Dyke	10 44	
J. Brandt	25	
Special, per T. Keppel	13	
S. Wykoff, Fairview, Ill	5	
Reformed Church, Polkton, Mich	10	
" " Somerset, Kansas	2 50	
" " Orange City, Iowa	36 80	
Am. Ref. Church, Chicago	30	
Holland Relief, balance per Dr. See	153 43	396 17
		$3,507 90

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	$2,784
Travelling expenses	217
Janitor	355 07
Building Repairs	325 36
Grounds	1 62
Furniture	53 53
School Requisites	35 40
Rent	93 50
Lights and Fuel	196 92
Cleaning	41 78
Interest	482 02
Printing	123 64
Sundries	132 37

Amount of Expenditures	4,842 21
Amount of Receipts	3,507 90
Deficiency	1,334 31
Former Deficiency	4,649 73
Total Deficiency	$5,984 04

Besides the above there remains due for teaching till April 1, 1873, $3,000.

As there is actual suffering for want of this money, and the whole Institution is seriously endangered, I beg leave respectfully to suggest that the Board of Direction be authorized to borrow at least $4,000, to meet the pressure. The value of the Synod's real estate in Holland, Mich., is at least $25,000.

The following is a statement of the special account with the Board of Education for the payment of salaries of Professors and President.

Received per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, balance till May 1,1872.....	$1,200	
In full till May 1, 1873.....	4,200	
	$5,400	
Paid balance for salaries till May 1, 1872.....	1,800	
		3,600
Received Endowment interest from Treasurer General Synod.....		2,178 77
		5,778 77
Paid salaries of Professors in full till May 1, 1873, and of President on account..		5,400
Balance of interest, hereafter noticed..... leaving $600 due to President.		$378 77

ANNUAL INCOME.

In consequence of the continued excess of needful expenditures over income, the indebtedness of the treasury has been growing. I beg leave therefore respectfully to suggest that the Synod add to its charter donation of Thirty Thousand Dollars, the amount of endowment invested in Amelia Co. Virginia ($2,100), and in Holland, Mich., ($4,300); and in connection with this suggestion, submit the following statement of facts.

When Theological instruction was begun at Hope College in 1866, the General Synod directed that no increased appropriation should be made by the Board of Education for its maintenance, and although the next Synod withdrew this restriction, yet so large and liberal was the already existing amount applied by the Board for executive and didactic work in Hope College, that it did not feel at liberty to add to the number or amount of its salaries. During the

last six years, however, an average of about one third of the annual amount which it had set apart for Hope College in 1865, together with the same proportion of the College Endowment interest remitted by the Treasurer of the General Synod, has been paid for instruction in the Theological Department.

As it became necessary, from time to time, to provide additional teachers, in order that the Professors might have full opportunity for adequate Theological work, the Council did not shrink from the responsibility; and the amount which has been paid out of the Treasury of the College for appointments rendered necessary by the requirements of Theology, is $5,710, while the sum still due for the same purpose, to fulfil engagements to Assistant Professors till the close of the year Sept. 30th, is $3,800.

This aggregate liability of $9,510, against the Treasury of Hope College, is purely in consequence of Theological *teaching* there, and does not represent any executive labor or contingent expenses. It is a part of the offering which Hope College, as an Institution, has made for its crown of usefulness and honor. As the result of this and other sacrifices, the College has realized the longing of a whole generation, that the growth of our Church should be represented by a Theological school additional to the parent one at New Brunswick, and more recently that there should be something to meet the special wants and wishes of the Holland brethren; and while merely coping with foundation labor, Hope College has already sent twenty young men through its own completed Theological course, into the ministry of the Gospel. Of these two have early fallen asleep; but the rest remain at work in the States of Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Virginia, and Massachusetts, except one who is building on the noble Scudder foundation in India.

In view of this, it cannot be presumptuous to believe that the General Synod will now take measures to confirm the success of this seven years' struggle. Some have imagined that there would be hazard in informing the Synod that its second Theological school was costing something, for that when apprised of the fact, the Synod would probably order its suspension.

But every new child calls for new expenditure; and the Reformed Church is wont to send missionaries where the people know no better than to strangle their offspring.

In this connection, the following statement of special endowment interest, not included in the preceding Contingent Fund, is annexed.

Endowment interest received from the Treasurer of the General Synod, in excess of the sum needed for Professors, till May 1, 1873, as per foregoing account	$378 77
Endowment interest received from loan of $2,100 in Amelia Co., Virginia	186
Endowment interest received from loans in Holland, Mich	175 50
Amount	$740 27

This account of interest has been separated for the decision of the Synod. If the Synod so direct, the amount will be paid into its treasury, and then $600 of it would be required to meet the deficiency in the salary of the undersigned. But in order to keep the Institution, at least its Preparatory Department from being closed, I have been compelled, in addition to more serious advances, to let the Treasury have the free use of the preceding sum, leaving so much of my own salary unpaid. It is for the Synod to say, in view of all the circumstances, whether the amount shall remain in the Treasury account of Hope College, and the deficiency in salary be made up from some other source."

The above extracts will have convinced the Synod of the perilous extremity to which this important Institution of sacred learning has now been brought. With $600 due its President, with the sum of $3,000 due on the 1st of last April, to the Assistant Professors, and with no funds from which to pay it, and with a former indebtedness which by the addition of these items reaches to nearly ten thousand dollars, your Committee is fully convinced that the statements made to them in Committee by Dr. Phelps, and by other friends of the College are literally true, namely, that help must come at once or the College doors must be shut.

The magnitude of such an evil will appear more plainly by the fact that the candidates who leave Hertzog Hall are all engaged at once in vacancies at the East, so that to dry up this fountain at the West, will be to leave our Western field utterly unsupplied with ministers. Your Committee are sure that the largest estimate, which our Church has formed of the importance of Hope College, is not extravagant, and they ask the heartiest co-operation of the Synod in an immediate effort to rally our people to the support of that Institution.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Direction take the charge of the work of securing the endowment of Hope College, and that the sum of $100,000 be proposed to the churches as the gross amount still requisite to make that endowment fully adequate to the present needs of the College; that the Board of Direction be authorized to employ an agent or agents for the purpose of securing that sum, and that the expense of such agency shall be paid out of the funds thus raised.

2. *Resolved*, That to meet the critical emergency in which Hope College now is, the Board of Direction be authorized and directed to borrow a sum not exceeding $5,000, to be appropriated by that Board to the payment of the most pressing debts of that Institution, the sum thus borrowed to be repaid out of the collections contemplated in the former resolution.

3. *Resolved*, That the Board of Education be authorized to make such appropriations towards the support of Hope College during the present year as the state of its finances will permit.

4. *Resolved*, That the Synod learns with great pleasure and thankfulness that there is good prospect that at least $30,000 of the gross sum of $100,000 above named, will be contributed by our Holland churches, in spite of their recent fearful losses by fire, to be made an endowment of the Grammar School of Hope College.

5. *Resolved*, That the Professor and Assistant Professors in the Theological Department be authorized to make collections with a view to the endowment of the Chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology, permission being given to such collectors to give to the Professorship when endowed such name as shall be found to meet the approbation of those by whom the endowment may be made.

Whereas, The term of service of Profs. T. Romeyn Beck and Charles Scott, in Theological instruction, has expired,

6. *Resolved*, That the aforesaid Professors be hereby re appointed as Theological Teachers in the same branches respectively committed to them by the General Synod, and that the cordial thanks of the Synod be given them both for their valuable and indispensable service.

7. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Synod be also given to Rev. Messrs. Pieters and Van Derveen for their gratuitous instruction in

the Theological Department, and to Rev. A. T. Stewart for similar service in the Academic Department.

Your Committee do not need to remind the General Synod of the gratification and thankfulness which the Synod itself has felt in attending the opening of the James Suydam Hall, and the laying of the corner stone of the Gardner A. Sage Library. They recommend that the President of the Synod and Rev. Dr. Ormiston be a Committee with power to prepare a Minute in regard to the death of Mr. Suydam, and to cause it to be printed in the Minutes of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. GANSE, *Chairman.*

The following nominations for members of the newly organized Board of Superintendents, having been received from the Particular Synods, were confirmed.

From the Particular Synod of New York.

To serve four years.—Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., from the Classis of Kingston, Elder Gardner A. Sage, from the Classis of New York.

To serve three years.—Rev. C. L. Wells, South Classis of L. I., Elder Jonathan Sturges, Classis of New York.

To serve two years.—Rev. John W. Schenck, from the Classis of Hudson, Elder J. N. Brinkerhoff, South Classis of L. I.

To serve one year.—Rev. E. W. Bentley, Classis of Orange, Elder Sanford Cobb, Westchester.

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

To serve four years.—Rev. A. F. Munn, from Classis of Greene, Elder Robert H. Pruyn, from the Classis of Albany.

To serve three years.—Rev. John B. Drury, from Classis of Rensselaer, Elder Wm. J. Bacon, from Classis of Cayuga.

To serve two years.—Rev. Oscar H. Gregory, from Classis of Saratoga, Elder Peter S. Danforth, Classis of Schoharie.

To serve one year.—Rev. J. De Baun, from Classis of Schenectady, Elder John Kiersted, from Classis of Ulster.

From the Particular Synod of Chicago.

To serve four years.—Rev. A. H. Van Vranken.

From the Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

To serve four years.—Rev. W. R. Duryee, from South Classis of Bergen, Elder Peter S. Duryee, from Classis of Newark.

To serve three years.—Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D.D., Classis of Bergen, Elder John W. Ferdon, from Classis of Paramus.

To serve two years.—Rev. C. S. Hageman, from Classis of Monmouth, Elder Martin J. Ryerson, from Classis of Passaic.

To serve one year.—Rev. P. Stryker Talmage, from Classis of Philadelphia, Elder F. J. Frelinghuysen, from the Classis of Raritan.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, conveying the gift of Mr. Nicholas F. Vedder, presented the following report, which was accepted, amended, and adopted, and is as follows:

THE VEDDER LECTURE.

The Committee on the proposed "Vedder Lectureship," respectfully report:

That the Synod may understand the terms of Mr. Vedder's gift before accepting it, your Committee present the following, as among the "fundamental conditions:"

1. Synod is annually to elect a Lecturer, by ballot, and at their regular session; but said Lecturer, although necessarily a member of the Reformed Church, need not be a clerical member.

2. The Lectures, after delivery, are to be placed in trust in the hands of the President of the General Synod. They are to be offered for publication, first to the Board of Publication, and if by them declined, the President of Synod "shall offer the same to any publisher who will undertake to publish them," and furnish certain copies. Your Committee notice here, that the form in which they shall be published, when the President of Synod shall be free from his responsibility in getting them published, or what amount of pecuniary obligation may fall upon Synod in the matter, are not clearly determined.

Your Committee offer the following resolutions, covering the whole subject of the gift and its terms.

1. *Resolved*, That the gift of $10,000, by Nicholas F. Vedder, of Utica, to found a Lectureship, be accepted by this Synod, according to the terms thereof, and the same entered upon the Minutes; and that, in memorial of his admirable gift, said Lectureship shall be known as the *Vedder Lecture on Modern Infidelity.*

2. *Resolved*, That in the publication of the Lectures, the President of General Synod shall not be allowed to involve the Synod in any pecuniary responsibility.

3. *Resolved*, That after offering them to such leading and responsible publishers as may be within his reach, if they decline, he shall deposit the Lectures in the library of the Seminary, but in either case, General Synod shall have the copyright and the sole right, subject to the conditions prescribed in the gift.

4. *Resolved*, That in the election of a Lecturer, the mode observed shall be that prescribed in the Constitution for the election of a Professor.

5. *Resolved*, That if, after the Synod has fulfilled its own duty in electing a Lecturer, death or any other contingency should cause the course for that year to fail, the income of the Lectureship shall be invested and held subject to the trust, to be used in case of failure of income in any year.

6. *Resolved*, That one of the Professors of the Seminary, alternating in order of seniority, the President of Rutgers College, and the President of the existing Synod, shall be a Committee each year to select the theme of the Lectures, after consultation with the Lecturer.

7. *Resolved*, That the heartiest acknowledgements of Synod are due to Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, of Utica, whose thoughtful suggestions originated and shaped the plan of this valuable Lectureship, which promises to add so much to the Theological literature of the Reformed Church.

A. G. VERMILYE, *Chairman.*

The following was also adopted:

Resolved, That the General Synod shall appoint upon the Nicholas F. Vedder Lectureship two Lecturers, the one being designated to lecture at the close of the present ecclesiastical year, and the other to lecture at the close of the next year; and that thereafter each General Synod shall appoint the Lecturer for the ecclesiastical year succeeding its own synodical term, and thus secure to the Lecturers more ample opportunity for the preparation of their Lectures.

Synod proceeded to elect two Lecturers, according to the preceding resolution, and the law governing the election of a Professor. Rev. Isaac S. Hartley was elected for the present year, and Prof. Tayler Lewis, LL.D., for the succeeding year. At the request of Mr. Hartley, the Lecturers were allowed to exchange places if they choose.

THE VEDDER LECTURE ON MODERN INFIDELITY.

The following is a copy of the instrument of gift, executed by Mr. Nicholas F. Vedder, and recorded by order of General Synod.

For divers good considerations moving me thereto, and especially that I may in some degree aid in upholding the great and cardinal truths of the Christian Religion in opposition to the popular infidelity of the times, and of "science falsely so called," I, NICHOLAS F. VEDDER, of Utica, in the State of New York, do give, transfer and set over to the *General Synod of the Reformed Church in America*, ten bonds of the denomination of $1,000 each, known as Equipment Bonds of the Toledo and Wabash Railway Company, bearing seven per cent. interest, semi-annually, with coupons attached, and being of the value of Ten Thousand dollars, at par.

This gift is for the purpose of founding and sustaining an annual course of Lectures to be delivered before the students of the Theological Seminary of New Brunswick, and also to the students of Rutgers College, New Brunswick, on "The present aspects of Modern Infidelity, including its cause and cure."

And this gift is made to the said General Synod upon the following express trusts, and subject in all respects to the conditions following, that is to say:

I. That the General Synod shall annually, and every year after this gift takes effect, elect by ballot, at their regular annual session, a Lecturer for the year ensuing said annual session. The Lecturer shall always, at the time of his annual election, be a member of the Reformed Church in America.

II. That the said Lecturer shall be required to deliver at least five lectures on the general theme or subject herein before prescribed to the students of the two Seminaries or institutions hereinbefore mentioned, one month or more, as may be found most practicable and expedient, before the graduation of the Senior class in each of said institutions.

III. That after having completed the delivery of the said Lectures and within the period of three months thereafter, said Lecturer shall deliver a corrected copy of his Lectures, prepared for the press, to the President of the General Synod for the time being, who shall give a receipt therefor, upon the presentation of which to the custodian of the fund hereby created, the person receiving the same

shall be entitled to receive and shall be paid the income of the said fund for the then current year, but in no case shall he be entitled to, or receive more than the annual sum which shall be realized and actually obtained from said fund.

IV. That the General Synod, after the manuscript of the lectures is so delivered as aforesaid, shall offer the same to the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church, for the purpose of publication by said Board, and if the Board accept the same, such lectures shall from time to time be published by said Board, and if the profits arising therefrom shall be sufficient, copies thereof shall be presented to each student in both institutions who was present at the delivery thereof, and copies shall likewise be placed in the Libraries of the Seminary, and of the College, and any surplus of profits shall be paid into the treasury of the Board of Publication. If the Board shall decline the offer to publish the said Lectures, then the President of the General Synod shall offer the same to any publisher who will undertake to publish the same and furnish the copies hereinbefore provided for.

The above are fundamental conditions imposed by me and to be strictly fulfilled when the trust hereby created shall take effect. During my life, I desire no publicity to be given to this endowment, but after my death, it is my request that the same be known and designated as the "Vedder Lecture on Modern Infidelity."

The securities I have above named, I have placed in the hands of Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, of Utica, to be by him retained until the General Synod have by a resolution to be passed and entered on their minutes, accepted the trust hereby created, and agreed to its conditions, and then to be delivered to the said General Synod, or their Treasurer. And I enjoin upon the Synod to hold these bonds until the same shall arrive at maturity, and on their payment, whenever that shall take place, to re-invest the capital in permanent securities to be approved by the Treasurer of the General Synod, and held as a perpetual fund to secure the objects herein provided for.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 13th day of January, 1873.

N. F. VEDDER,

In presence of WM. J. BACON.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATION.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

A communication on the subject of profane swearing was received from the Classis of Michigan, and referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The Forty-first Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, in printed form, was received, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer was also received, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Forty-first Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was received, and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer was also received and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to report.

That the Forty-first Annual Report of the Board, placed in our hands, contains very few expressed suggestions to the General Synod designed to affect the action of this body; but the simple narrative sets before us in strongest light the noble work done by our churches in the foreign field.

The Report admits of an easy analysis into two heads; causes for devout thankfulness, and calls to energetic, loving and hopeful labor in our missionary work.

Our gratitude to the blessed Leader in our missionary work is called forth in view of the payment of the large debt of $33,500 with which the last year opened, and which had long cramped the

efforts of the Board and greatly limited the success which the Lord was ready to give us. We are doubly thankful that this result has not been reached by the notable gifts of a very few wealthy persons, but the *Church has risen to the work*, therefore,

Resolved, That we record our thankfulness that the Lord has moved the hearts of all the people to participate in sustaining the work of the Board of Foreign Missions, and paying the debt by which we have so long been burdened.

Resolved, That we see in this success an assurance of the confidence of the Church in the work conducted by the Board, and of the willingness of the Church to sustain the wise and careful action of the Board for the maintenance of the Saviour's kingdom.

We must express our thankfulness to Him who leads our work for opening the way for more distinguished usefulness among the heathen. We have only to cite what is the common aspect of every field we occupy to fire the soul with gratitude. Our oldest Mission, in China, is always presenting new opportunities to preach the Gospel, and gather blessed results. In India we see village after village coming to our Missionaries, begging to be enrolled as Christians and instructed in the truth. Whilst Japan is so widely opened to us and so moved by changes which we may develope to the furtherance of the Gospel, that we are constrained to join in the expression;

Resolved, That we recognize in the grace which opens the doors and prepares the hearts of men for our work, a Divine blessing offered to us; and that we fervently call upon all who love the Lord to improve the opportunity, by largely increased efforts, in gifts and prayers, convinced that this is the will of God concerning us.

Still more distinctly would we put on record the Lord's call to duty, as suggested by the year's history of our Board.

The Board has made an estimate of its expenditures for the present year amounting to $59,001. This sum is less than $8,000 beyond what was expended in the Missions and at home last year; when we paid $33,500 of debt and more than $3,000 of interest on debt. The amount asked for by the Board for the Missions and at home leave out of view many items of expenditure of pressing importance. In view of these facts we present the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the very moderate estimated expenditure of the Board, which estimate was made when the large debt was still un-

paid, should be accepted as gratifying evidence of the Board's
fulness, rather than as a measure of the ability or willingness of t
Church in advancing the missionary work.

Resolved, That it is essential to the prosperity of missiona
work conducted from such fixed centers as we occupy in all our fiel
that the Board should secure permanent and commodious buildin
for our work; and we advise the Board to obtain these, as soon
practicable, wherever they may be needed.

Resolved, That we are confronted by most lamentable results
our work from want of Missionaries; as the Arcot Mission w
soon be reduced to two efficient working men, and the Amoy m
sion has now but two men in the field.

Resolved, That we call upon the Board and upon the Churches
awake to the necessity of reinforcing our Missions as soon as po
sible, and to an extent commensurate with the field open to us.

Resolved, That the General Synod approve of the opening of
credit by their Board of Foreign Missions to the amouut of T
Thousand Pounds Sterling, for the purpose of carrying on their m
sionary operations abroad.

Respectfully submitted,

PH. PELTZ, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Domestic Missions presented the followi
Report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Domestic Missions respectfully report th
they have availed themselves of such documents as were referre
and do now submit the following considerations and resolutions.

The Board have, by the good hand of the Lord, been relieved o
debt of over $22,000, while a balance is now standing to thei
in the amount of $728,44.

re is a fact in connection with this happy deliverance t
your Committee desire to call attention, and that is the char
er of the instrumentality which the Head of the Church has bee
pleased to employ in the relieving of the Board from the letters o
late ind[illegible]. After the contributions of the Churches, t
geth[illegible] income from legacies had [illegible]ived, there r
[illegible]erable sum yet to be rea[illegible]er to the e
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providence had favored with an abundance of this world's goods. The body of the Church was appealed to, and the results is what we see and rejoice over to day. And your Committee, without pausing to consider whether it lies within or without their province so to do, venture the affirmation that *the day*, when your Board shall find itself amply supplied with funds for its work will not come, until in abandonment of the principle of putting their trust in princes they shall have organized some policy by which that great mine—the people in mass—shall come to be worked.

Thanks to the noble men who in many a day of our Chnrch's extremity have so generously come to her rescue, yet what but the shame of defeat must betide the church whose policy gives occasion to any lowly member thereof to say "because I am not the hand, I am not of the body."

It appears that 84 Missionaries have ministered to as many churches and stations, embodying 4,602 families; and that during the last year 915 souls have been received into communion of our Church, 609 on confession of their faith. Four new churches have been formed, while 8 of the old ones have attained such ability, and with the ability such grace, as to ask no longer for the supporting hand of your Board.

As to the Church Building Fund, if we cannot report it free from debt, we can yet assure you of a steadily increasing interest therein. As the object proposed comes to be more clearly perceived, and as the manner of accomplishing that object comes to be more fully understood, new friends of the cause make their appearance, while old ones evince a growing love; so that the hope may be entertained, that ere the expiration of the current year, a present deficiency in the Fund to the amount of $6,791 95 will no longer exist.

Now in the judgment of your Committee, it would be better for the interests of our Domestic Missions if something more than the mere census of Churches and Missions aided, could be made known. If for instance the number of members in each Church—the length of time it has been helped by the Board—the extent to which it helps itself—its relation in the way of nearness to any sister Church—the likelihood of its ever becoming self-sustaining; if these and such like particulars could in any proper way be presented to view, it seems as though with such increased intelligence there would be a proportionate increase of interest and zeal.

When we look at the flood of population, and from a religious point of view at the character of these vast and ceaseless accessions coming from the old world to make their future home here, we cannot but exclaim, God hath not dealt so with any other people. We cannot but feel that the Church of the living God in these United States needs yet to be awakened to a clear perception of the mighty magnitude of the work assigned to her.

With these considerations in mind your Committee recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this General Synod gratefully acknowledge the great goodness of the heavenly Father towards us, in this work of Domestic Missions.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be advised to tabulate, if practicable, such additional items in connection with our Mission Churches as shall afford a more thorough knowledge of the field of labor.

Resolved, That a visitation of the Mission Churches in the West, either by the Secretary or some other authorized person, to counsel and to encourage them, would be a profitable proceedure.

Resolved, That the attention of our Church be called to the inauguration of some system by which contributing to the Board of Domestic Missions, and the Building Fund shall become part of the service of every individual member of our Communion, confident that such a system once established would be to our beloved Zion what the water-shed of the Mississippi Valley is to the great river that goes rejoicing in its strength.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH KIMBALL,
J. W WARNSHUIS,
JAS. B. CAMPBELL,
A. J. BEEKMAN,
HENRY L STRONG.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Foreign Missions:

Rev. Thomas DeWit, D.D., Rev. E. P. Terhune, D.D., Philip Peltz, D.D., Rev. C. L. Wells, Rev. H. D. Ganse, Mr. D. J. Steward, Theo. L. Mason, M.D. W. R. Janeway.

The following were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Domestic Missions:

Rev. John H. Duryea, D.D., Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., John A. Todd, D.D., Rev. James LeFevre, Mr. John A. Lott, J. V. D. Hoagland, Isaac Wortendyke, Wm. B. Dana

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' AND DISABLED MINISTERS' FUNDS.

The Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds respectfully report.

That three separate Papers have been placed in their hands. Two of which are the Annual Reports respectively of the Treasurer of the Widows' Fund, and the Widows' Fund Income Account, and the third is a similar Report of the Disabled Ministers' Fund.

I. The Widows' Fund, which designates the principal or permanent capital of that Fund, although subjected to the withdrawal of $500, has increased during the year $1,096 18, and amounts now to $35,612 08.

II. The Widows' Fund Income Account, which designates the current receipts and disbursements for the year—as distinct from the permanent Fund, besides affording relief during the year to two disabled Ministers, one Orphan, and seventeen Widows, and having $205 withdrawn, still has a balance of $1,233 01.

III. The Disabled Ministers' Fund. This is a distinct and separate Fund, intended (as your Committee suppose), to supplement the Widows' Fund, in behalf of disabled Ministers or their families who have not secured an interest in the Widows' Fund.

The receipts for the year, including collections from the Churches and interest on the principal, are	$2,126 72
The balance of last year.....	2,069 82
Total	4,196 54
Disbursements for the year have been.....	1,700
Balance in the Treasury, May 1, 1873.....	$2,496 54

Your Committee congratulate this General Synod, and the whole Church upon the healthful and growing condition of the above named Funds. And especially upon the fact, that the late and most distinguished benefactor of the Reformed Church, Mr. James Suydam, in the exercise of an enlightened and truly Christian benefi-

cence, has bequeathed to the Disabled Ministers' Fund the munificent sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars.

It is a grateful fact that in the sacred Scriptures God has reveal- a peculiar and special regard in behalf of the widow and the fatherless. It is therefore the part of wisdom and of piety that our charities should flow in directions identical with those of Divine mercy. Never does man rise higher in moral excellence than when all his sympathies are in sweet accord with those of his heavenly Father.

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod reiterates its former utterances, in warmly commending the cause of the Disabled, the Widow, and the Orphan, to the continued and enlarged liberality of the churches.

2. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of the Synod, it is highly commendable for the churches to secure a personal interest for their Pastors in the benefits of membership in the Widows' Fund.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod gratefully record their appreciation of the noble gift of the late James Suydam, of $30,000 to the Disabled Ministers' Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

B. VAN ZANDT,
WM. G. E. SEE,
ELIAS MEAD,
PETER CORTELYOU, } *Committee.*

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The Nineteenth Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Publication would respectfully report, that they have received the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Board, and also the Report of the Treasurer, for the year ending May 1st, 1873. The Report represents the Board as being "in a healthy and prosperous condition." The death of Hon. Thomas Jeremiah, the faithful Treasurer of the Board, is recorded, with a suitable notice of the many excellencies of his character.

The Treasurer's Report shows, that there has been receive
ing the year, from churches, sabbath-schools and individual
sum of $10,853 32, of which amonnt $4,737 15 has been ad
the Permanent Fund, making the working capital $20,000.

The amount this year received is $853 32 greater than
year. This is progress, well worthy of commendation.

The Board has published during the year, besides its own F
and the Minutes of General Synod, of new volumes, as follow

1 vol., 12 mo. 250 copies; 2 vols., 18 mo. 2,000 copies;
24 mo. 1,000; 1 tract, 18 mo. 1,000; making in all, of new
cations, 4,250 copies.

Of reprints of former publications, they have issued six edi
of bound volumes, 6,000 copies; two editions of catechisms, 2
two editions of tracts, 11,000 copies; total reprints, 19,000 c

The sales from May 1, 1872 to May 1, 1873, amount
$13,006 08. The amount of books and tracts donated $1,01

The "Sower and Gospel Field" has had its usual circulatio
editions of this sheet have been issued, 190,000 copies. A
received for "Sower and Gospel Field," $2,459 59; amou
ceived last year for the same purpose, $3,893 51.

Your Committee would desire for this Paper a larger list o
scribers, so that it may pay the expenses of its issue. It is i
many quarters and instances the *only* means of informin
churches and friends of the kingdom, of the *work* and wants c
Board. It is hoped that just as soon as the Board may deem i
ticable, they will make this Paper weekly instead of semi-w
Your Committee would recommend earnestly to the prayers,
pathy and liberality of the churches, the work of this Board.
must use the Christian press; it is an arm of power, which
Church we should be the last to relinquish.

Our Reformed Church, possessed of the truth, in its fullnes
purity. should scatter it, not only by heralds in her pulpits, b
teaching practical godliness' through its publications, and
a godliness as is founded on a sound and complete system of
ogy—a theology which will give substance and richness to its
To do this, we must use this Board, and patiently wait until it
increase in strength sufficient to realize the high hopes che
for it at its birth.

We know it has not *done* all that we could desire, but we must be REASONABLE in our expectations. Remember, it is only nineteen years old, and the wonder is, born as it was without an inheritance, it has accomplished so much.

The Board of Publication of the Presbyterian Church (now exerting a wide-spread influence, scattering the pure rays of Divine light, and at the same time, disseminating, far and near, the peculiar features of Presbyterianism,) was organized November, 1833, and the total receipts in five years, *i. e.*, from 34–38, was only $2,439 78½, and now, exclusive of sales, in donations alone, it numbers by tens of thousand.

Have we nourished our Board as the General Assembly has theirs? Have we given her a position, the position financially, to show what it can be made to accomplish? Let us strive to make it self-sustaining, by securing for it an ample working capital. Let the wealth of our Church be devoted to this important object, and then, with the full patronage of the Church, it will become, not a *burden*, but a source of profit and a blessing to the world.

It is worthy of notice, that every year the contributions to this Board have increased; this year they are larger than any previous year. Let us strive to make the endowment perfect, and give to it promptly and heartily, the favor and patronage of our whole Church.

The Presbyterian Church, places first on her list of collections for the ecclesiastical year, the Board of Publication, and has a special committee in each Synod to look after its interests.

Your Committee hail with devout gratitute to God, the efforts of our General Government, and some of the State Governments, to stop the tide of licentious literature, that now is flooding our land, and carrying death and eternal ruin on its bosom; they see in the enactment of these stringent laws, evidences of a healthier tone of morality.

While thus the arm of civil power is lifted to overthrow these fountains of evil, is tnere not a call to the Church of Christ to aid them in this effort, by furnishing from our presses, an attractive literature, pervaded with the spirit of our own pure Christianity, to meet the demands of those, who, when no longer permitted to drink from these turbid streams, will turn to us, and cry, "I thirst?" Let us be ready, as a church, to hold to their lips a cup of cold water drawn from that fountain which is as pure as that Saviour who cried: "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink."

Your Committee would submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the General Synod commend to the churches the work of her Board of Publication, in providing for our churches a denominational literature.

Resolved, That the Board be commended to the churches, in its efforts to provide for itself a working capital.

Resolved, That the Pastors and Consistories of our churches be urged to secure the widest circulation practicable, of the "Sower and Gospel Field."

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STRONG, *Chairman.*
S. T. SEARLE,
THEO. W. WELLS,
WM. E. LAWRENCE,
WILLIAM ECKERT.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Publication:

Rev. C. R. Blauvelt, Rev. David Inglis, Rev. T. W. Wells, Rev. J. H. Suydam, Mr. Peter S. Duryee, John H. Dingman, John W. Terhune, Rev. John L. Zabriskie.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The Van Benschoten Bequest was read.

Rev. A. G. Vermilye, W. R. Gordon and Elder S. B. Schieffelin were appointed a Committee on religious exercises.

On the afternoon of the second day of the session the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. The President conducted the services and read the form. Rev. N. D. Williamson, and Rev. W. W. Scudder, made addresses at the table, and Elders B. Mitchell, John W. Ferdon, S. L. DuBois, and W. H. Strang, assisted in the distribution of the elements.

In the election of officers it was on motion

Resolved, That an informal ballot be first taken for nominations. Another ballot was then had, after which the two persons having the highest number of votes were considered candidates, according to the Rule.

Rev. Philip Furbeck, and Elder Henry Babcock were appointed tellers.

The consideration of the report of the Board of Direction was made the special order for Tuesday afternoon, the seventh day of the Session.

It was *Resolved*, That a Roll of the members and of the Standing Committees be printed.

By invitation of the Committee of Arrangements, the Synod adjourned on Thursday morning, the second day of the Session, at a quarter to 11 o'clock, and attended in a body the dedication of the "James Suydam Hall," and also the laying of the corner stone of the "Gardner A. Sage Library."

The evening of the second day of the Session was devoted to hearing the addresses of Rev. Dr. Eadie and Dr. Calderwood, the delegates from Scotland, and Rev. J. B. Lee, delegate from the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

The first half-hour of each day of the Session was spent in devotional exercises.

The Synod resolved to meet in the morning at half-past eight, and adjourn at 12; and to meet in the afternoon at half-past 2, and adjourn at half-past 5, and to hold evening sessions after the sixth day.

On motion, a portion of the church was set apart for the Synod, within which the members were required to be seated to take part in the business.

By request of the Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. H. D. Ganse was recognized as the representative of the Board in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, detained by illness.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Professorate to report arrangements for the meeting and proper organization of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary.

By invitation, the President of Rutgers College, Rev. W. H. Campbell, D.D., appeared on the floor of Synod, the members rising to receive him, and addressed the Synod in the interests of the College.

The Faculty was invited to accompany the President, but sent a letter of thanks, and regret that pressing engagements prevented their attendance.

On the invitation of the pastors of the City of New Brunswick

and vicinity, a Committee was appointed to furnish supplies for their pulpits on the Sabbath.

The Professors of the Theological Seminary, by invitation, visited the Synod and were received by the Synod, the members rising.

Rev. Isaac S. Hartley presented the following paper, which was referred to a special Committee consisting of Rev. Philip Peltz, O. E. Cobb, and Elder Sylvester Southard.

Whereas, The One Hundredth Anniversary of American Independence is approaching, which the nation expects appropriately to celebrate, not only by exhibitions of national progress, but by carefully written histories of every department of national growth and

Whereas, It is important that the Church of Christ should carefully exhibit her progress in the various aspects of her work, for the first century of the nation's history; therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by this Synod to prepare carefully a full history of every department of Christian work in which the Reformed Church has been engaged.

I. S. HARTLEY.

The Committee presented the following report, which was adopted.

The Committee on the Paper in regard to action in connection with the Centennial Celebration of American Independence, would respectfully report their reluctance to report for or against the proposal submitted.

To test the views of the Synod, the Committee recommend the adoption of the paper.

In case of such action, the Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D. D. Demarest, and E. T. Corwin be the committee called for.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP PELTZ, *Chairman*.

On the evening of the seventh day of the Session, the ynod resolved itself into committee of the whole, and proposed to raise $3,100 to meet the deficiency in the income of the General Synod for the current year. Subscriptions were received, and the whole amount was secured.

At the same meeting, Elder A. J. Beekman announced a bequest of Caroline Herriman, (deceased), of the First Reformed Church of Brooklyn, to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, for the maintenance and support of the Theological Seminary of said Church, amounting to three thousand dollars. ($3,000), and one of three thousand dollars ($3,000) for Rutgers College.

Resolved, That the General Synod recognizes the ability with which the *Christian Intelligencer* is conducted, and the very important aid which it renders to our Church and its institutions, and recommend its general circulation in our churches.

ARTICLE XXII.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

A sermon on behalf of the benevolent operations of the Church was preached on the evening of the sixth day of the Session, by Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D.D., from Gal. 6: 2, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Rev. David Cole, D.D., was chosen Primarius, and Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr, D.D., Secundus, to preach on Benevolence at the next stated session.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence, continued by the last General Synod, presented a Report which was accepted, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The Special Committee appointed by the General Synod of 1872 upon the subject of "Systematic Beneficence," reported partially to that Synod. (See page 531 of the Minutes of 1872.) Whereupon the Committee was continued with directions, to take under review the whole subject of "Systematic Beneficence," and report to the Synod of 1873. In accordance with this direction the Committee beg leave to report: That they have endeavored to consider the whole subject of Christian giving, its obligations, and its methods in its relations to Christian duty and church work. In the language of the opening sentence of the former Report, "There is no question that the Synod can be asked to consider which requires more careful consideration than *How* shall *all* the people of the whole Church be reached, so that they shall be led each in his own place and sphere, to bear a due proportion of the work of

the Master, bringing the Gospel into contact with the hearts and consciences of men? This after all is the true work of the Church in the world."

The object proposed by any action that the Synod may be led to take, contemplates, we suppose, the adoption of some plan by which each church shall be made to feel its responsibility in bearing a due proportion of the general burden. The secret of efficient church work is the combination of units for the production of large results. It is not only that we raise the necessary amount of money to carry on our benevolent operations, but that this be done in such a way that it stimulates and develops the life of Christ in the soul. God's plans are the wisest and the best. It is ever safe to follow the directions of His Word. We need not at this late day and in such an enlightened hearing stop to argue the question that the Divinely inspired method of benevolence is *systematic* giving as God has given to us. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." This ought to be enough for Christian men. Surely no principle of action could be more clearly announced than this. The matters with which we as a Committee of the General Synod have to do concern chiefly those instrumentalities that we as a Church have chosen, through which to do our share of the work Christ entrusted to His disciples. To bring the saving truth of the Word of God into contact with the hearts of men. By the direction of General Synod, seven objects are placed before our churches. For each of these every church is *enjoined* to take up at least one collection during each ecclesiastical year. These are the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Domestic Missions, the Board of Education, the Board of Publication, the Widows' Fund, the Disabled Ministers' Fund, which last two may be taken in one collection and the proceeds divided. And also the Church Building Fund, placed last, but perhaps the most important of the whole number.

The question for us to consider now is, How is this obligation met? An examination of the "Tabular Statement," published with Minutes of last General Synod, will show that a very few of our churches comply with this positive oft reiterated direction of the highest judicature of our Church. The record for 1872 shows that out out of five hundred churches only twenty-three have

[illegible] extent this failure results from the omission of the Widows [illegible] Disabled Ministers' Funds. We find thirty-six churches which have taken collections for all objects save the two, which [illegible] the number to fifty-nine. But why should these be omitted? Their claim upon the charity of the Church is clear. Even with this addition, how lamentably small the number of churches [illegible] meeting this responsibility. Only about 12 per cent of the whole number.

The point we desire to reach is to secure at least one collection from each church. Is there any method by which we can accomplish this object. The past legislation of the General Synod has already instituted certain means which are designed to secure this result. Their success has not been remarkably brilliant thus far. The means now in use are, to require each Classis at its annual Spring Session, to propose to the representatives from each church the question "Have benevolent contributions been taken in your congregation for each of the objects commended by General Synod?" The answer must be recorded, and the record sent up to the Particular Synod with which the Classis is connected. The difficulty is that there the matter ends. There is no pressure of ecclesiastical authority brought to bear upon delinquents. A Pastor allows his church to become delinquent year after year, and answers No when the question is asked.

Can we in any way reach such Pastors and Consistories? Your Committee are satisfied, after careful study of the tables for years past, joined with diligent enquiry of those into whose hands the Church has entrusted the work of collecting their funds, that the fault lies to a great extent at least with the Ministry themselves. In this fast age ecclesiastical obligation sits lightly. Men seem to think nothing of violating solemn engagements. We are firmly persuaded that each Minister of our Reformed Church is just as much bound to see that these injunctions in regard to Benevolence are obeyed as he is to perform any other ministerial act.

It has been objected that the enforcement of such a law interferes with the principle that all giving should be voluntary. But is it so? There is no dictation as to the amount that shall be given, but only the direction that the people shall be offered a[illegible] ality to contribute to these causes. They may give m[illegible]

interfere with them, but a Church, if ecclesiastical authority amounts to anything at all, has the right to say to her ministers, her servants for Christ's sake and man's sake, "You shall present such and such causes for the offerings of your people." If there is no such power, then all ecclesiasticism is a myth, and church authority a vain dream. We believe that the Church has such power and that the individual who has received his office at her hands, is bound by his vows to obey her behest. Again, the whole past legislation on the subject has assumed the existence of such a power. The record abounds with utterances upon the subject; nay its possession is vital to the very existence and perpetuity of the work of the Church. Your Committee believe that the means as present in use for this purpose may be made more efficient, and do not feel disposed to recommend any new plan so much as to strive to give greater force to those already adopted. They offer the following for the consideration of the Synod.

Resolved, That the General Synod add to its list of Standing Committees, one to be entitled Committee on Systematic Beneficence, who shall consider the financial statements contained in the reports of the Boards, and who shall present to the Synod a report reviewing the same. That they shall also make such suggestions as shall in their judgment be best fitted to increase benevolence among the Churches.

Resolved, That the General Synod hereby reiterates its repeated *injunction* to each Pastor and Consistory, to see to it that the Church under their care be afforded the opportunity of contributing to each of the seven objects commended to the Churches.

Resolved, That the General Synod hereby most earnestly recommends each church to adopt some system of Beneficence that shall serve to call out the charities of the Church reaching every family.

Your Committee have not thus far touched upon the methods of raising money for benevolent purposes, though this matter was referred to them. In regard to this general question, we have only to say that we have examined various systems that have been published for this purpose. The principle is the same in them all, viz: That means be taken to secure from each family and member of the congregation a stated weekly contribution, either by means of envelopes or blanks distributed, or by publica-

fully complied with this requirement. It is true that to a considerable extent this failure results from the omission of the Widows and Disabled Ministers' Funds. We find thirty-six churches which have taken collections for all objects save the two, which raises the number to fifty-nine. But why should these be omitted? Their claim upon the charity of the Church is clear. Even with this addition, how lamentably small the number of churches fully meeting this responsibility. Only about 12 per cent of the whole number.

The point we desire to reach is to secure at least one collection from each church. Is there any method by which we can accomplish this object. The past legislation of the General Synod has already instituted certain means which are designed to secure this result. Their success has not been remarkably brilliant thus far. The means now in use are, to require each Classis at its annual Spring Session, to propose to the representatives from each church the question "Have benevolent contributions been taken in your congregation for each of the objects commended by General Synod?" The answer must be recorded, and the record sent up to the Particular Synod with which the Classis is connected. The difficulty is that there the matter ends. There is no pressure of eccclesiastical authority brought to bear upon delinquents. A Pastor allows his church to become delinquent year after year, and answers *No* when the question is asked.

Can we in any way reach such Pastors and Consistories? Your Committee are satisfied, after careful study of the tables for years past, joined with diligent enquiry of those into whose hands the Church has entrusted the work of collecting their funds, that the fault lies to a great extent at least with the Ministry themselves. In this fast age ecclesiastical obligation sits lightly. Men seem to think nothing of violating solemn engagements. We are firmly persuaded that each Minister of our Reformed Church is just as much bound to see that these injunctions in regard to Benevolence are obeyed as he is to perform any other ministerial act.

It has been objected that the enforcement of such a law interferes with the principle that all giving should be voluntary. But is it so? There is no dictation as to the amount that shall be given, but only the direction that the people shall be offered an opportunity to contribute to these causes. They may give much or little

tion. We are persuaded that it is impossible to devise any system that shall suit all localities and churches. Let each church seek for those methods which promise the best results, and then try them by the test of actual experience. What we most desire is to inspire the spirit of benevolence, to lead our Churches to feel the responsibility that rests upon them to do their share in carrying on the work of Christ in the world. The fields are white for the harvest. The record of the past year is most encouraging. We may well sing our songs of thankfulness. The Mission Boards of our Church come to General Synod substantially out of debt. We need no more inspiring argument with which to go to the people than this. Now for extension and enlargement. Let not the stream of benevolence flow with any less volume. Shall we not follow where God leads?

We also submit herewith a plan of Systematic Beneficence, entitled, "Treadway's Scriptural Method of Systematic Beneficence," for the use of such churches as may be willing to adopt it. This plan, your Committee are persuaded, embraces the best features of the many plans which they have examined. The necessary outfit may be obtained by addressing F. Treadway, care of Nesbitt & Co., corner Pearl and Pine Streets, New York City.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. L. WELLS, *Chairman of Committee.*

The financial embarrassment of the Second Church of Chicago having been brought to the notice of the Synod, it was

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Synod, the American Reformed Church of Chicago ought to be sustained, and it is hereby commended to the sympathies of the churches.

Resolved, That a Committee of five, consisting of Revs. M. S. Hutton, Wm. R. Gordon, and Joseph Kimball, and Messrs. S. B. Schieffelin and Jonathan Sturges, be appointed to co-operate with the Board of Domestic Missions in an effort to relieve said Church.

Resolved, That the attention of the Boards be directed to Chap. 6, Sec. 6, page 59 of the Digest.

Resolved, That it be recommended to our churches to make the cause of Missions at home and abroad the special topic of consideration at the first regular prayer-meeting in each month, and at that time or some other fitting occasion, they present their monthly offerings unto the Lord for these objects

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Of the Contributions made during the year ending April 30, 1873, *by the several Churches, to the (denominational) Boards and Funds recommended by General Synod, each sum comprising the total amount received from each Church, whether by church collections or otherwise.*

[See Synod Proceedings, June, 1862, p. 212.]

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Albany.							
First Albany	114	566 82	2143 85	386 62	.....	.....	800
Second Albany	112 26	325 72	348 21	220 69	.....	.....	258 16
Third Albany	7 30	34	.....	.....	2	.....	12
Fourth Albany	45	35	22	10			
Holland Albany	.....	30	12				
Second Berne	.....	6	5				
First Bethlehem	3	67	.....	19	.....	.....	96 54
Second Bethlehem	97 25	65 52	40 70	68	.....	.....	60
Clarksville							
Coeymans	10	41 66	30	20 23			
Jerusalem	.....	.....	.....	11 50			
Knox	.....	16	20				
New Baltimore	2 50	67 50	163 61	30 50			
New Salem	3 77	2	12 48	8 45	.....	.....	5
Onisquethaw	.....	.....	.....	35			
Union	.....	.....	7	5	.....	.....	7
Westerlo	3	26	22 50	.....	6	.....	9 50
Classis of Bergen.							
English Neighborhood	18	3	35	10	7 62	25	31
First Hackensack	25	288 50	330	75	.....	.....	10
Schraalenberg	.....	53	.....	34 14	.....	.....	16
New Durham	.....	100	150 72				
Hoboken	.....	100	.....	5	.....	.....	43 21
Jersey City	.....	150	72 74	.....	.....	.....	10
North Bergen	.....	10					
Second Hackensack	5	80 66	73 11				
German, Hoboken	.....	27 11	52 48	11 46	.....	.....	7 58
German, Hackensack	.....	21 16					
Closter City	9 77	15 13	7 50	5 32			
Palisades	.....	53	141 54	.....	.....	.....	8 21
Guttenberg							
S. Classis of Bergen.							
Bergen	64 51	385 75	701 89	130 34	.....	.....	133 88
First Jersey City	278 32	549 20	700	100	.....	127 12	225
First Bayonne	.....	3	13 75	29 95			
First Van Vorst	78 58	437 69	236 25	52 35	2 41	.....	250
Bergen Point	.....	260	175	52 28	.....	30	375
Second Hudson City	11 75	36	14 68				
Lafayette	72	200 25	309 01	39	60	40	35
West End							
Greenville							

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Cayuga.							
Canastota	.....	20 50	25 56				
Chittenango	8 76	33 97	45 22	7 12	6	.....	6 48
Cicero							
Lysander	.....	8					
Naumburgh	3 38	8 13	3 13	2 10	2 50		
New Bremen	4 48						
Owasco	10	3	44 50	10 50	.....	.....	8 50
Owasco Outlet	4 33	11 40	20 44				
Syracuse	16 74	128 15	607 46	21 65	12	20 86	34 01
Thousand Isles							
Utica	334 17	5644	1044 36	581 50			
West Leyden	8 75	26					
C. of Grand River.							
Detroit							
Fremont Centre							
First Grand Haven							
Second Grand Haven	.....	.....	30				
Grand Rapids	50	50					
Grandville	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	30
Kalamazoo							
Muskegon	.....	19 50	48 29	.....	.....	.....	25
Polkton	.....	6					
Spring Lake	6 12	9 57	8 78	6 10	.....	.....	6 44
South Haven	.....	2					
Classis of Geneva.							
Ithaca	.....	.....	70				
Geneva	60 93	86 96	96 47	112	14 63	14 62	
Farmer Village	5	.....	.....	11 68			
Lodi	3021 10	66 50	84 40				
Arcadia							
Fair Haven	20	29	25	10 50			
Buffalo							
Rochester	.....	75	120	25	20		
Clymer	5	5	30 50				
Clymer Village	6						
Mina Corners	9	11	20				
Cato							
Pultneyville	18	27 03	28 98	.....	.....	.....	7 22
East Williamson	10	15	10	5			
Tyre	5	19 65	22 60	6	5	.....	2
Caroline							
Cleveland	10	19 50	10 25	12			
Dunkirk	4	6	5				
Marion	.....	17 18	9 92	5			
Classis of Greene.							
First Athens	44 25	171 90	74	89 75	.....	.....	151 50
Second Athens							
Catskill	78	70 22	40	54	.....	.....	70
First Coxsackie	81 91	89 77	68 15	1	6 06	6 06	161 16
Second Coxsackie	51 36	144 58	122 86	89 35	.....	.....	20 36
Kiskatom	21 92	.....	67 35				
Leeds	.....	8	50	12	.....	.....	25
Moresville and Gilboa							
Prattsville	.....	27	3	13 22	.....	.....	3
Roxbury	.....	15	21 76	22			

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled
Classis of Holland.						
Beaver Dam	.....	12				
Drenthe						
Ebenezer	6 24	7 56	9 25			
Fynaart						
Graafschap	.....	8 20				
First Holland	.....	.....	55 67	.....	20	
Third Holland	.....	.....	19 72			
Jamestown						
Mattoax, Va						
North Holland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Overyssel	20 80	17 85	.....	18 05		
Rabbit River						
Rotterdam, Kan						
Sangatuck	.....	18				
Vriesland	29 06	54 45	68 89			
Zeeland	43 75	20	38	25		
Amelia, C. H	.....	10				
Classis of Hudson.						
Hudson	290 13	460 90	864 01	36	15	15
First Claverack	30 70	84 10	111 88	60 92	.....	15
Second Claverack	32 60	96 85	212 26	43 40	32 34	33
Linlithgow	13 17	54 73	68 59	4	.....	....
Greenport						
Germantown	47	58	60	10	.....	10
Upper Red Hook	8	57 49	104 78	6 83	4 24	10
Greenbush	.....	92 85	80 76	.....	.....	19
Taghkanic	5	10	35			
Livingston, Linlithgo						
Classis of Illinois.						
Fairview	18 05	14 68	130 25	13 46	....	2
Pekin	.....	15 15	.....	.....	5	
Spring Lake						
Raritan	.....	6	20			
Bushnell	11 81	22 16	22	7 90	13 35	13
Davenport	...	60				
First Pella	12	16	19 30	.....	20	19
Havana						
Second Pella	.....	6 50				
Bethel	.....	1 75				
Leyden Centre	.....	53 30	3 55	3 40	.....	....
Third Pella						
Fourth Pella						
American Ref., Chicago	5	65 68	68 77	.....	.....	....
Otley						
Orange City						
Norris	.....	2 55	.....	7 75		
Norwood Park	.....	21				
Somerset	.....	10	10			
Classis of Kingston.						
Bloomingdale						
The Clove	34 59	68 71	60 39	47 79		
Dashville Falls	11 63	3	52 10	2 70		
Guilford	.....	6	... ..	60		
Hurley	22 25	40 48	160 93	12 75	.....	....
N. Ch., Marbletown	7 50	14 76	99 26	4 25	.....	.....

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Classis of Kingston.							
CONTINUED.							
Second Kingston	56 08	319 16	406 11	19	.....	.....	50
Marbletown	6 88	.....	12 82	10			
New Paltz	45	94 86	259 87	61	20	8 94	17
Rochester	13	26	53 75				
Rosendale	8	15	22				
Samsonville	.....	7					
St. Remy							
N. Classis of L. Isl'd.							
Jamaica	62 68	79 52	109 15	152 75	.....	.....	156 76
Newtown	88 25	81	5	16 50	.....	.....	54 21
Oyster Bay	16 50	54 86	62 15	14 68	.....	.....	206 20
North Hempstead	29	29 50	16 50	66 20	.....	13 06	27 02
Williamsburgh	.....	24 50	61 37	100	.....	.....	22
Astoria	510	71	408 85	22	25	12 75	86
Flushing	5	74	67	.....	.....	.....	15 71
Greenpoint	73 60	27	74	.....	20	5	
South Bushwick	8 50	14 84	170 43	5 25	.....	5	33 57
Second Astoria							
East Williamsburgh	5	.....	180 41				
Second Newtown							
Queens	23 09	43 88	120 14	17			
Ger. Evan., Brooklyn	25	18	81	.....	.....	.....	10
Sayville	4 50	.....	.....	.....	5 25	4 25	
Locust Valley	.....	12	156	.....	.....	.....	11 24
First Ref., College Point							
S. Classis of L. Isl'd.							
Brooklyn	417 29	887 85	3057 86	783 70	124 18	124 18	443 84
Flatbush	1069 30	1684 68	2087 01	294 22	44 44	44 44	1787 66
Flatbush Mission							
New Utrecht	43 08	432 81	422 18	57 75	21 66	.....	115 79
Gravesend	27	190 85	98 29	31 28	8 28	8 27	11 50
Flatlands	77 66	216 48	86 89	38 30	25 54	.....	13 50
New Lots	21 23	15	108 62	9 50	10	5	
East New York	134 40	317 50	224 31	79 64	7 61	107 61	171 55
South Brooklyn	214 27	80 80	28 07	29 33	5 65	5 66	11
Middle Brooklyn	36 19	150	210	82 28	.....	76 47	
Twelfth Street	17 61	70 85	46 17	19	.....	.....	17 86
Church on the Heights	810 25	504 38	2934 27	173 86	48 30	48 30	270
New Brooklyn	7	10	10	10	.....	.....	23
East Brooklyn	.....	43	.....	50	.....	.....	14 18
Classis of Michigan.							
Battle Creek	.....	17 50	9 50				
Centreville	11 68	.....	69 85	.....	.....	.....	101 05
Constantine	45	81	15				
Grand Rapids	....	10					
Hope	44 50	39	18 50	42			
Macon							
Porter							
South Bend	.....	4 57					
South Macon							

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Classis of Monmouth.							
First Freehold	...	78 27	158 10	...	...	...	40 70
Second Freehold	45 18	55	122	80	...	18 76	76 72
Holmdel	72	91	111 50	20	...	16	20
Spotswood	...	14 55					
Middletown	14 26	32 08	14 59	9 12			
Keyport	12 50	23 57	62 80	5 51	...	...	26 70
Long Branch	16 65	28 85	41	15	5	5	11 71
Colt's Neck	18	26	31	5	10	10	20
C. of Montgomery.							
Auriesville							
Canajoharie	21 78	28 81	10	145 54	6 89		
Columbia							
Currytown	...	74 12	32 36				
Ephratah	...	4	10	5			
Florida	25	37	41	5	...	...	28
Fonda	135	100	112	226	...	10	23
Fort Plain	...	33 25	33 25	14 57	...	24 84	
Fort Herkimer							
Fultonville	21 50	60 75	44 02	139 32			
Glen	30	45 25	116 92	258 50			
Hagaman's Mills	12 62	26 22	26 80	5 81			
Henderson							
Herkimer	...	...	32				
Indian Castle	5	5	8 25	5 50	...	...	5
Manheim	9	13	13	9	3	2 50	1
Mapletown							
Mohawk	...	28 10					
Port Jackson	...	19	16				
St. Johnsville	40 55	15	...	12			
Stone Arabia	...	6	10 50	5			
Spraker's Basin	...	2 88					
Tillaborough							
Classis of Newark.							
Belleville	74 10	50 64	45 64	57 45	...	...	10
First Newark	548 99	527 85	1082 75	...	...	...	317 80
Irvington	10	16 62	125 68	6 25			
Second Newark	29 75	118 51	180 71	14 97	7 61	7 61	48 15
Franklin	9	17 25	8 50	2	...	...	20
North Newark	164 85	914 55	1574 55	194 71	...	50	230
West Newark	...	3	3	...	...	...	2 12
Clinton Avenue, Newark	93 25	8	137 70				
East Newark	8 52	62 87	84 78	7 50	5	5	49 25
Linden							
C. New Brunswick.							
First New Brunswick	112 50	390 81	362 37	39 47	23 75	23 75	110
Six Mile Run	126	719 32	659 08	167 35	20	...	260 39
Hillsborough	58	395 73	351 09	140 66	...	20	310 50
Middlebush	58	154	268 50	10 30	11 45	...	117 75
Griggstown	...	...	20	6 30	4 50		
Second New Brunswick	77	209 11	1500 37	46 34	...	19 49	114 88
Bound Brook	...	36 10	23 10	...	...	...	50
Third New Brunswick	...	...	50				
East Millstone	12 42	24 58	43 21	20 99	...	...	30 46
Metuchen	5	8 55	25 50				

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Classis of New York.							
Collegiate, New York	1409 07	2755 80	5288	1061 46	69 59	69 59	1420 89
Thirty-Fourth Street	265 74	108	90	31 81	60 79	41 27	207 30
St. Paul's	.....	8					
Madison Avenue	30	.....	149				
German Evan. Mission	50	55	55	200	15	15	45
Bloomingdale	.....	.....	5				
Harlem	143 94	459 82	398 09	52 92	.....	.....	275
Mott Haven	.....	56 39					
Staten Island	15	145	145	30	10	10	10
Richmond, S. I.	.....	27					
Huguenots, S. I.	.....	55 04					
Fourth German	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58 85
Prospect Hill	200	360	195	.....	25	25	60
Holland	.....	12 44	20 88	5 80	.....	.....	9 65
South New York	394 61	359 27	2816 48	225			
South New Haven							
Brookfield, Conn.	5	50	15	10	.....	.....	10
Mebanesville	1	3 75	50	.....	.....	50	
S. Classis of N. York.							
Brighton Heights	18	5	.....	44 71			
Washington Square	775	645	1290	37	.....	.....	308
Manhattan							
Bushwick	.....	41 30	15 50	.....	.....	.....	10
Union Ref., 6th Avenue	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 60	7
German Ref. Church	72	38	35	.....	.....	.....	10
North Brooklyn	25 50	.....	81 75	37	.....	.....	10
Classis of Orange.							
Berea	.....	30	20	8	5	5	26 38
Bloomingburgh	.....	12	12 50				
Callicoon	.....	9	6	1	.....	.....	1
Claryville	.....	6					
Cuddebackville	50	15	10	50	.....	.....	32
Deerpark	60	308 67	546 26	32	.....	26 68	65 39
Ellenville	10	183 74	140 98	.....	.....	.....	10
Fallsburgh	2	10	110	20	.....	4	10
Fremont	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Grahamville	.....	8					
Jeffersonville	1	4	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Kerhonkson	.....	18					
Mamakating	.....	5	.....	5			
Minisink	.....	13 25					
Montgomery	100	254 58	567 34				
Newburgh	25 05	59 40	396 78	58 40	.....	.....	45 37
New Hurley	35	45 08	60	48 27			
New Prospect	14 10	5					
North Branch	1	4	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Shawangunk	.....	29 57	5 50	10 57	.....	.....	39 30
Walden	1	97	160 39	17	.....	.....	16 38
Wallkill Valley	.....	7	29 15				
Walpack, Upper	.....	9 50	10	7 90			
Walpack, Lower	17 50	18	10 25	13 25			
Wawarsing	.....	27 21	56 93				

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Classis of Paramus.							
Clarkstown	30 04	123 25	100 67	.....	13 25		
Tappan	.....	45 30	87 51				
Acquackanonck	125 05	253 59	682 13	55	.....	25	51 68
Second Totowa	45	317 15	305 25	225 40	.....	.....	10
Paramus	21 07	152 27	148 21	16 65			
Pascack	5 46	18 75	12 14	9 73			
Saddle River	.....	10 50	26	6 50			
Ramapo	.....	3					
West New Hempstead	19 26	69 65	39 44	7 57	.....	.....	5 22
Warwick	44 20	91 50	102	.....	.....	.....	1010
Nyack	35	101	475 50	78 11	8	10	8
Piermont	38	143	108				
Broadway, Paterson	.....	76 20	100	25	38 85	37 67	12 92
Spring Valley	19	108 84	20 68	6 15	3 75	.....	1 50
North Passaic	.....	71 50	58 50	45 04	15	37 50	23 50
First Holland, Paterson	5	12 50	6				
Second Holland, Paterson							
Holland, Lodi							
Classis of Passaic.							
Boardville	35	10	10				
Boonton	.....	41					
Fairfield	.....	.....	37 33	.....	20		
Little Falls	22 80	85 28	65 45	10 20	.....	.....	42 40
Montville	5	39 39	86 85	7	.....	14	21 91
Sixth Paterson, Holland							
Pompton Plains	8	85 99	49 91				
Pompton	154 40	97 50	90 65	.....	.....	36	271 75
Ponds	5	10	15	.....	.....	.....	20
Preakness	.....	15					
Stone House Plains	27 67	16	24	.....	.....	.....	17 31
First Totowa	76	33 31	124 69	99 75	.....	26 50	45
Wyckoff	8 60	50 10	67 75	45	5	5 35	26
C. of Philadelphia.							
Harlingen	29 55	63 70	49 87				
Readington	96	173 90	84 30	167 30	29 02	29 03	100
Ne-Shanic	.....	230	398	.....	.....	.....	104
First Philadelphia	43 46	50	345 53	41 21			
Second Philadelphia	36 44	52 90	64 68	12			
Third Philadelphia	3625	132 50	386				
Fourth Philadelphia	38	81	50	20	10	10	10
North and Southampton	.....	28 45	77 70	18 75	5	6	5
Blawenburgh	27 49	197 76	235 61				
Stanton	.....	.....	.....	20			
Rocky Hill	.....	88 35	57 71				
Clover Hill	.....	23	10				
Addisville	47 78	45 98	71 08	24 71	20	.....	23 08
C. of Poughkeepsie.							
First Poughkeepsie	28 92	62	211 13	.....	.....	.....	49
Second Poughkeepsie	88 77	175 33	154 59	28 74	17 71	17 72	34 37
Fishkill	50 81	78	179 58	.....	.....	.....	16 53
Hopewell	44 68	15	89	5	.....	.....	5
New Hackensack	20	35	87 47	17 20	7	6	16 20
Rhinebeck	36 83	158 39	342 37	.....	.....	.....	587
Fishkill-on-Hudson	175 36	204 35	70 30	.....	.....	.....	51 68
Hyde Park	.....	14 67	85 80	.....	.....	.....	32 41
Glenham	3	47 06	93 17	.....	.....	.....	10
Cold Spring							
Millbrook	8	92	291 06	.....	.....	.....	535

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Classis of Raritan.							
First Raritan	100	88 24	129 91	44 41	.....	.....	10
Bedminster	277 70	856 11	606 88	152 76	20	.....	429 85
Lebanon	.....	8	11				
Rockaway	25	80 41	182 71	51 75	.....	.....	86
North Branch	15 90	115 06	80	10 60	.....	.....	218 86
Second Raritan	10	76 48	256 76	.....	.....	.....	10
Peapack	.....	50 57	22 88	.....	.....	.....	3 20
Branchville	50	81 56	79 15	16 50	20	.....	82 11
Third Raritan	98 38	198	392	72 82	.....	.....	326
Easton	49 66	75 12	184 47	.....	.....	.....	56 60
Plainfield	.....	5	5				
Central Plainfield							
Pottersville	.....	9 08	7 83	.....	.....	3	
High Bridge	.....	10 50	41 93	.....	.....	.....	25
Clinton Station	5						
C. of Rensselaer							
Blooming Grove	7 50	8	20	20 25	5 75	5 75	25
Castleton	64	187 81	178	76	.....	24	29 54
Chatham	66 68	158 47	198 12	.....	.....	.....	100
First Ghent	15	25	60	10	.....	.....	25
Second Ghent	18	.....	70	10	.....	.....	15
Greenbush	60 23	50 52	72 60	95 70	33 98	43 40	25 75
Kinderhook	30	255 61	1063 95	47 72			
Nassau	40	141	189 25	40	.....	.....	81 65
New Concord	5 50	17	100	.....	.....	.....	15
Schodack	12	28 50	10	10 50			
Schodack Landing	42 50	78 61	87 32				
Stuyvesant	31 36	35 35	284 38	6 31	6 65	14 05	131 01
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Classis of Saratoga.							
West Troy	.....	68 14	351 19	86 10			
S. Church, West Troy	26 68	246 99	119 50	80 50			
Wynantskill	.....	16 25	16 25				
Rensselaer							
Boght	.....	8					
Waterford							
Cohoes	.....	58 10	55				
Union Village	23 98	38 04	68 87				
Saratoga	.....	71	54	18 55			
Buskirk's							
Easton	.....	5 60					
Schaghticoke							
Northumberland							
Fort Miller	.....	20 16	14				
Gansevoort							
Jackson							
C. of Schenectady.							
First Schenectady	5	138 69	141 57	30	.....	.....	10
Second Schenectady	35	35	25	2 10	.....	.....	20
Third Schenectady							
First Glenville	5	29 50	107 25	5 37	3 70	5 25	37
Second Glenville	.....	19 34	8	2	.....	2 80	40
First Rotterdam	15	36	15	.....	7		
Second Rotterdam	.....	12	12				

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C. of Schenectady CONTINUED.							
Helderberg							
Niskayuna	27 17	38 08	42 36	14 08	.....	.....	71 58
Lisha's Kill	28 56	25 67	31 12	38 05	.....	.....	65 45
Amity	6	37 89	96 17	25	.....	.....	25
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Classis of Schoharie.							
Schoharie	4 50	530 68	75 07	3 60	.....	4 58	86 65
Middleburgh	24 85	37 15	25 55	58 10	8 68	8 68	514 65
Gallupville	3 40	23 17	12	3 83	20	.....	15
Berne	10	41	27 40	82			
Beaver Dam	.....	53	.....	55 06			
Lawyersville	3	5					
Schoharie Mountain	.....	.....	3	2 50			
Sharon	.....	20	10	10			
Gilboa	18 10	28	11 67				
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Blue Mountain	5 45	7 12	15 20	5 16			
Caatsban	.....	31	95 11	20	.....	.....	20
Esopus	.....	2 50	14 50	.....	.....	.....	10
Flatbush	25 10	50 24	34 68	.....	.....	.....	58 85
First Kingston	66	243 13	914 09	102 09			
North Esopus	.....	55	57	.....	.....	.....	56 56
Plattekill	16 80	23	21	.....	.....	.....	20
Saugerties	94 52	211 17	471 04	5	2 68	2 64	590
Shokan	.....	.....	23 40				
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Fordham	10	100	100	.....	.....	.....	200
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Greenville	.....	30					
Hastings	75 08	201 61	122 10	231 48	.....	.....	90
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Mount Vernon	29 62	17 60	154 04	.....	11 12	11 12	9 60
Peekskill	50	50 62	31 80	.....	.....	.....	12 78
Tarrytown, First	42 67	84 71	52	19 33	.....	.....	17 15
Tarrytown, Second	.....	250	357 25	.....	.....	.....	150
Unionville	15 61	28 55	32 64				
West Farms	50	37 93	64 84				
White Plains							
Yonkers	10	138 40	258 59	45	25	10 43	59 91

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Wisconsin.							
Alto	.....	23	40				
Bethlehem							
Danforth							
First Chicago	28 40	34 60	23 81				
Franklin	15 50						
Forreston	.....	20					
Fulton							
Gibbsville	14 15	12	54 78				
Greenleaf	3	11 44	.....	2 75	.....	.....	3 35
Holland, Wis	.....	.....	173				
High Prairie	.....	50 50					
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Milwaukee	.....	19	25				
Oostburg							
Peoria	.....	7 20					
P. P. and W. Rock							
South Holland	10	55	50	5			
Silver Creek	.....	28 55					
Sheboygan Falls							

ARTICLE XXIII.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

The Minutes of the Provincial Synod of North Holland, of 1772, in the Dutch language, were presented to the Synod by Rev. E. T. Corwin, on behalf of the family of the late Rev. Peter Labagh, and acccepted with thanks.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Special Committee appointed by the last General Synod to consider a plan for providing a general fund for the payment of the traveling expenses of all the delegates to General Synod, presented their report, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee respectfully report that there are present at this Synod twelve delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago, as follows:

Two from the Classis of Michigan; five from the Classis of Illinois; two from the Classis of Holland; one from the Classis of Wisconsin; two from the Classis of Grand River.

Acccording to the present rule of Synod, these delegates are entitled to receive for their traveling expenses in the proportion of three to each Classis, as follows:

Classis of Michigan	$84
Classis of Illinois	108
Classis of Wisconsin	96
Classis of Holland	84

But inasmuch as the aggregate number in attendance at the present Synod is not so many as three to each Classis, and inasmuch as its full delegation shows its zeal and interest in the work

the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the full sum of Thirty-six dollars each be paid to all of the delegates present from the Classis of Illinois, and that the others be paid according to the rule as heretofore.

The following bills have been presented:

By Babcock & Johnson; for Printing List of Members...	$10	
Tickets for Nominations...	4	
By Charles Banks, Sexton, for services rendered.....	25	
By Terhune & Van Anglen, for Stationery	5	70

Your Committee recommend that these bills be paid.

In consideration of the great accommodation to the members of this Synod, your Committee also recommend that five dollars be paid to the letter-carrier for his services.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. H. KERSHOW,
Chairman.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish 1,400 copies of the Minutes of the Synod, and that the price of each copy be printed on the cover.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be returned to the Consistory of the Second Reformed Church of New Brunswick, for the use of their church edifice during the present Session of this Body, and also to the Pastor, Rev. Chester D. Hartranft, for his personal efforts in providing for the convenience of its members.

Resolved, That the Synod records its recognition of the courtesy and hospitality of the citizens of New Brunswick, and of the attentions the members have received from the families who have so warmly received them as guests.

Resolved, That the Synod also return their thanks to the New Brunswick *Fredonian*, and the New Brunswick *Times*, for their excellent reports, which from day to day they have made of its proceedings.

The Minutes were read and approved. On calling the roll none were found absent without excuse.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in the First Reformed Church in the City of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on the first Wednesday (3d) of June, 1874, at 3 o'clock P. M., and was closed with prayer by Rev. W. W. Scudder, the singing of the Doxology, and the Benediction by the President.

A. P. VAN GIESON, *President*,
J. V. N. TALMAGE, *Adsessor*,
MARSHALL B. SMITH, } *Clerks, pro tem.*
W. W. HALLOWAY, JR. }
W. H. TEN EYCK, *Permanent Clerk*.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

P. D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk*.

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Presidents of General Synod.

YEAR	PRESIDENTS	FROM WHAT STATE	PLACE OF MEETING
1794	Rev. William Linn	New York	Albany, N. Y.
1797	Rev. Dirck Romeyn	"	New York.
1800	Rev. Ira Condict	New Jersey	Albany.
1803	Rev. John H Livingston	New York	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
1806	Rev. James V. C. Romeyn	New Jersey	Albany.
1809	Rev. Nicholas Lansing	New York	New York.
1812	Rev. Jacob Sickles	"	Albany.
1814	Rev. John M. Bradford	"	New York.
1815	Rev. John Schureman	New Jersey	Albany.
1816	Rev. Jacob Brodhead	Pennsylvania	New York.
1817	Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook	New York	Albany.
1818	Rev. William McMurray	"	New York.
1819	Rev. John M. Bradford	"	Albany.
1820	Rev. James S. Cannon	New Jersey	New York.
1821	Rev. Selah S. Woodhull	New York	Albany,
1822	Rev. Philip Milledoler	"	New York.
1823	Rev. Jesse Fonda	"	Albany.
1824	Rev. Thomas DeWitt	"	New York.
1825	Rev. Jacob Brodhead	Pennsylvania	Albany.
1826	Rev. John Ludlow	New York	New York.
1827	Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler.	"	Philadelphia.
1828	Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker	"	Albany
1829	Rev. John Knox	"	New York.
1830	Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge	New Jersey	New Brunswick, N.J
1831	Rev. John Gosman	New York	Albany.
1832	Rev. Isaac Ferris,	"	New York.
1833	Rev. Jacob J. Janeway	"	Schenectady.
1834	Rev. Sam. A. Van Vranken	New Jersey	New York.
1835	Rev. Robert Bronk	New York	Philadelphia.
1836	Rev. Thomas M. Strong	"	Albany.
1837	Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff	"	New York.
1838	Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor	New Jersey	Albany.
1839	Rev. George W. Bethune	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia.
1840	Rev. James Murphy	New York	New York.
1841	Rev. James Romeyn	"	Albany.
1842	Rev. James B. Hardenberg	New York	New York.
1843	Rev. William C. Brownlee	"	Albany.
1844	Rev. Jacob Van Vechten	"	Poughkeepsie.

1845—Rev. Maurice W. Dwight.....New York .....New Brunswick.
1846—Rev. William H. Campbell.... " .....Albany
1847—Rev. Abraham Messler.....New Jersey.....New York.
1848—Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye .....New York.....Kingston, N. Y.
1849—Rev. George H. Fisher..... " .....New York.
1849—Rev. J. Van Vechten (ex ses).. " ..... Schenectady, N. Y.
1850—Rev. Jeremiah Searle..... " .....Poughkeepsie.
1851—Rev. Alexander M. Mann..... " ..... Albany.
1852—Rev. Gustavus Abeel.....New Jersey.....Williamsburgh, N.Y.
1853—Rev. Duncan Kennedy.....New York.....Philadelphia.
1854—Rev. Mancius S. Hutton..... " ..... Hudson, N. Y.
1855—Rev. Ransford Wells..... " ..... New Brunswick.
1856—Rev. Francis M. Kipp..... " .....Utica, New York.
1857—Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord. " .....Ithaca, N. Y.
1858—Rev. David D. Demarest..... " .....Newark, N. J.
1859—Rev. Samuel B. How.....New Jersey.....Albany.
1860—Rev. Oscar H. Gregory.....New York .....Philadelphia,
1861—Rev. Cornelius Van Cleef..... " .....Brooklyn, N. Y.
1862—Rev. John Garretson..... " ..... Syracuse, N. Y.
1863—Rev. Talbot W. Chambers..... " .....Newburgh N. Y.
1864—Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr.....Michigan .....Schenectady.
1865—Rev. Anson Du Bois.....New York.....New Brunswick.
1866—Rev. Horvey D. Ganse..... " .....New York.
1867—Rev. Thomas C. Strong ..... " .....Geneva, N. Y.
1868—Rev. Elbert S. Porter..... " .....Hudson, N. Y.
1869—Rev. Charles H. Stitt..... " .....Philadelphia.
1870—Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye..... " .....Newark, N. J.
1871—Rev. William J. R. Taylor. ....New Jersey .....Albany.
1872—Rev. Joachim Elmendorf .....New York ..... Brooklyn.
1873—Rev. Acmon P. Van Gieson.... " .....New Brunswick, N. J.

STATED CLERKS.

Rev. Cornelius Brouwer, appointed 1800
Rev. James V. C. Romeyn, " 1806
Rev. John M. Bradford, " 1812
Rev. Selah S. Woodhull, " 1818
Rev. John Knox, " 1820
Rev. Thomas M. Strong, " 1828
Rev. David D. Demarest, " 1862
Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef " 1871

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Allen, John K	North Tarrytown, N. Y	713
Alliger, John B	Jamaica, N. Y	693
Amerman, James L	Bergen City, N. J	684
Anderson, William	East Greenbush, N. Y	708
Arcularius, Andrew M	Port Ewen, N. Y	712
Atwater, E. R	Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y	693
Bahler, Louis H	Coeymans, N. Y	681
Bahler, P. B	Rochester, N. Y	687
Bahler, P. G. M	Pultneyville, N. Y	687
Bailey, William	Whitehouse, N. J	707
Ballagh, James H	Kanagawa, Japan	683
Ballagh, William H	Knox, N. Y	681
Bartholf, B. A	Park Ridge, N. J	703
Battin, A. J	Pella, Iowa	691
Beardslee, J. W	Constantine, Mich	695
Beattie, R. H	New Hurley, N. Y	702
Bechtold, A. H	232 Eighth Avenue, N. Y. City	700
Beck, T. Romeyn	Holland, Mich	689
Bentley, E. W	Ellenville, N. Y	702
Berg, Herman C	Rocky Hill, N. J	705
Berger, Martin L	Syracuse, N. Y	685
Bernart, James E	Pompton, N. J	704
Bertholf, J. Henry	160 West 29th St. N. Y. City	700
Bevier, John H	Hudson, N. Y	708
Bingham, Lewis G	New Brunswick, N. J	693
Blauvelt, Augustus	Kingston, N. Y	692
Blauvelt, Cornelius	West Hurley, N. Y	712
Blauvelt, C. R	East New York, N. Y	694
Blauvelt George M. S	Tappan, N. Y	703
Bodine, G. D. W	Germantown, N. Y	690
Boehrer, John	Naumburgh, N. Y	685
Bogardus, F. M	Mohawk, N. Y	697
Bogardus, William E	Cuddebackville, N. Y	702
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Bolks, S	Orange City, Iowa	699
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Boyd, Joshua	Newburgh, N. Y.	
Brandt, A. W	South Africa	699
Brett, Cornelius	Montgomery, N. Y.	702
Broek, D.	Saugatuck, Mich	689
Broek, J.	Zeeland, Mich	689
Brokaw, Isaac P	Newark, N. J.	698
Brown, S. R.	Nagasaki, Japan	685
Brown, W. S.	Woodbourne, N. Y.	702
Brownlee, James	Port Richmond, N. Y.	700
Brush, Alfred H	Nassau, N. Y	708
Brush, William	Fordham, N. Y.	713
Brush, William W.	Geneva, N. Y.	687
Buck, Charles D.	Hoboken, N. J.	683
Buckelew, William D.	Magee's Corners, N. Y.	687
Bumstead, S. A.	Raritan, Ill	691
Buursma, A.	South Holland, Ill	714
Campbell, Alan D.	Athens, N. Y.	688
Campbell, James B.	Chatham Village, N. Y.	708
Campbell, William H.	New Brunswick, N. J.	699
Carr, William H.	Prattsville, N. Y.	688
Carroll, J. Halstead	302 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.	694
Carroll, Vernon B.	Pottersville, N. J.	707
Chamberlain, Jacob	Mudnapilly, India	682
Chambers, Talbot W	70 West 36th Street, N. Y. City	700
Chambers, Theodore F.	Oakland, N. J.	704
Chapman N. F.	Baltimore, Md	712
Church, John B	West Copake, N. Y.	690
Clark, Rufus W.	Albany, N. Y.	681
Clark, William H	Paterson, N. J.	703
Cleghorn, E. T.	Bible House, N. Y. City	700
Cobb, Henry N.	Washington, P. O. N. Y.	706
Cobb, Oliver E.	Flushing, N. Y.	693
Cobb, Sanford H.	Saugerties, N. Y.	712
Cochran, A. G.	Gansevoort, N. Y.	709
Cole, David	Yonkers, N. Y	713
Cole, Isaac D.	Spring Valley, N. Y	703
Cole, Solomon T.	Mechanicsville, N. Y.	709
Collier, Edward A.	Kinderhook, N. Y.	708
Collier, Isaac	Richboro, Pa.	705
Collier, Isaac H	Schuylerville, N. Y.	709
Collins, B. V.	Passaic, N. J.	698
Comfort, Lawrence L.	Montgomery, N. Y.	702
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Cornell, James A. H	New Baltimore, N. Y	707
Cornell, William	Somerville, N. J	707
Cornell, William A	Poughkeepsie, N. Y	706
Cornet, Edward	Stanton, N. J	705
Corwin, E. T	Millstone, N. J	699
Craig, H. B., (Candidate).		
Crispell, C. E	Holland, Mich.	
Crolius, Peter B	Weehawken, N. J	683
Cruikshank, John C	Little Falls, N. J	704
Dangremond, G.	Hamilton, Mich	689
Dater, Henry	Hyde Park, N. Y	706
Davis, John A	Fort Lee, N. J	683
Davis, William E	Manhasset, N. Y	693
Davis, William P	Schenectady, N. Y	710
Dean, Artemus	Auburn, N. Y	685
De Baun, John A	Niskayuna, N. Y	710
DeBeer, J. B	Cleveland, Ohio	687
De Bey, B	Chicago, Ill	714
Decker, Henry E	Davenport, Iowa	961
De Hart, William H	9th Av., near 38th St. N. Y. City	700
De Jong, W. P	Grandville, Mich	686
Demarest, David D	New Brunswick, N. J.	
Demarest, James	Newark, N. J	704
Demarest, William	Union Church, N. Y	681
Demarest, John T	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y	803
Demund, Isaac S	Coxsackie, N. Y	688
De Pree, J	Spring Lake, Mich	686
De Pree, P	Vriesland, Mich	689
DeWitt, John	New Brunswick, N. J	
DeWitt, Richard	Spring Valley, N. Y	703
DeWitt, Thomas	55 East 9th Street, New York City	700
Deyo, Paul T	Rifton Glen, N. Y	692
Dickson, Alexander	Lansingburgh, N. Y	681
Doeppenschmidt C	Hudson City, N. J	684
Doig, Robert	Berne, N. Y	711
Doolittle, Horace	North Branch, N. J	705
Doolittle, P. M	North Branch, N. J	707
Doolittle, T. Sanford	New Brunswick, N. J	699
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Elmendorf, Joachim	Poughkeepsie, N. Y	706
Eltinge, Cornelius D	Raritan, Illinois	691
Elterich, William	Callicoon, N. Y	702
Enders, J. Henry	Chittenango N. Y	685
Enyard, William T	Brighton, N. Y	701
Ettirajooloo, S	Arcot, India	682
Fairchild, E. S	College Point N. Y	693
Fehrman, Jacob	High Bridge, N. J	707
*Ferris, Isaac	Roselle, N. J	700
Ferris, J. Mason	34 Vesey St. New York City	694
Ferris, William (Candidate)	34 Vesey St. N. Y. City	693
Forsyth, James C	Farmer Village, N. Y	687
Forsyth John	West Point, N. Y	700
Freidel, H. A	127 Norfolk Street, New York City	701
Freeze A. P	Saugerties, N. Y	712
Fritts, Charles W	Fishkill-on-the-Hudson, N. Y	706
Furbeck, Philip	Buskirk's Bridge, N. Y	709
Gamble, Samuel L	Guilderland Centre, N. Y	710
Ganse, Hervey, D	707 Lexington Ave., N. Y. City	700
Gardner, John	Harlingen, N. J	705
Garretson, Gilbert S	Dingmans, Pa	702
Garretson, John	New Brunswick, N. J	713
Gaston, John	Passaic, N. J	703
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Geyer, Julius W	82 Second Street, New York City	700
Gilmore, W. B	Amelia Court House, Va	695
Gleason, W. H	Newburgh N. Y	702
Gordon, William R	Schraalenberg, N. J	683
Gramm, Gustavus E	Philadelphia, Pa	705
Grant, Henry, Jr., (Candidate)	Ithaca, N. Y	687
Gregory, O. H	West Troy, N. Y	709
Gulick, Albert V	Norwood Park, Ill	691
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Hansen, Maurice G	Coxsackie, N. Y	688
Harris, Henry R	New Concord, N. Y	708
Harris, J. F	Hurley, N. Y	692
Hart, Charles E	Newark, N. J	608
Hart, John	Glen Cove, N. Y	693
Hartley, Isaac S	Utica, N. Y	685
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Heermance, Harrison	Rhinebeck, N. Y	706
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Hill, William J	Hibernia, Dutchess Co., N. Y	
Hillman, A. C	214 Ross St., Williamsburg, N. Y	693
Himrod, John S	Hudson, N. Y	690
Hoes, John C. F	Kingston, N. Y	712
Holmes, Edwin	Hudson, N. Y	690
Holmes, John Mc C	Hudson, N. Y	690
Hones, Julius	209 Stockton St, Brooklyn, N. Y	694
Horton, Francis A	Catskill, N. Y	688
Houbolt W. A	Paterson, N. J	704
Hulbert, Victor M.	Stone Ridge, N. Y	692
Hulst, George D	21 Grove St. Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.	693
Hutton, A. J	West Troy, N. Y	709
Hutton, M. H	Mount Vernon, N. Y	713
Hutton, Mancius S	47 East Ninth St., New York City	701
Huyssoon, J	Paterson, N. J	703
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Ingalls, Wilson	De Freestville, N. Y	708
Ingersoll, Edward P	Brooklyn, N. Y	694
Inglis, David	Brooklyn, N. Y	694
Israel, (Candidate)	India	682
James, Woodbridge, L	Kingston, N. Y	712
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